

Post-Dispatch	Globe-Democrat	Republic	Times	Star
Oct. 1, 1918. 184,957	161,179	78,702	83,544	82,545
Oct. 1, 1918. 173,959	167,803	87,581	87,834	108,687
GAIN. 10,998				
LOSS. 6,624	10,879	34,290	10,112	

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TENFOLD INCREASE IN ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS

Reserve Bank Statement
Compares Activity Last
Month With That of Year
Ago.

DECREASE IN WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE

Drop in District of 35 Per
Cent and Condition Is Said
to Have Been Impaired by
Hessian Fly.

A tenfold increase over the cor-
responding month of 1918 in the to-
tal of building permits issued in St.
Louis, and a record of 35 per cent
decreased acreage of winter wheat in
the Eighth Federal Reserve District
are notable features of the monthly
report of the Federal Reserve Bank
of St. Louis, made public today.

The number of permits issued in
St. Louis last month was 590 for
buildings valued at \$2,834,670. The
number of permits issued in November,
1918, was 265 for buildings valued
at \$281,595.

The general survey of business in
the seven states comprising the
Eighth District is as follows:

"The resumption of soft coal mining
operations has relieved the tension
caused by the nation-wide strike
of the organized miners. While the
shortage of coal and the measures to
offset it necessitated certain tempo-
rary economic readjustments, the
effects on business generally were
not serious. The strike has been
broken. Some firms had sufficient
stocks of coal on hand, some sup-
plemented their use of coal with fuel
oil, and others were fortunately sit-
uated in parts of the district where
natural gas is obtainable."

Strike Clears Atmosphere.

"Labor difficulties are less notice-
able within this district than they
have been for several months past.
The strike appears to have cleared
the atmosphere by emphasising the
fact, which has been increasingly
apparent to the more conservative
and enlightened elements of capital
and labor, that the interests of each
are bound up with the interests of
all that any breakdown in the
productive or consumption cycle will be
felt by all the community."

The company also announced to-
day that it hoped to make track and
equipment improvements costing
\$15,000,000 without increasing the
rate of fare.

FORMER NAVAL SURGEON FAILS TO APPEAR FOR HIS WEDDING

Guests at Monson (Mass.) Church
Dismissed; Missing Man Had Al-
tered Rounding Up Radicals.

By the Associated Press.
MONSON, Mass., Dec. 26.—Dr.
William Grey Vermilye of New York,
a former naval surgeon, failed to ap-
pear for his wedding with Miss Ruth
M. Keeney here yesterday, and today
his absence is still unexplained. Miss
Keeney, who resigned as a professor
of Spanish at Bucknell University to
marry Dr. Vermilye, is reported ill
at the home of her parents.

Guests at the expected wedding
were dismissed by the Rev. Heribert
B. Buckingham with the word that
Dr. Vermilye had not been heart-
broken since he left a New York hotel,
supposedly on the way to be married.

Dr. Buckingham said that he and
Miss Keeney's family felt that Dr.
Vermilye's absence was due to vio-
lence to do with the work of the Fed-
eral Trade Commission under other
laws.

The big question which the Fed-
eral Trade Commission is trying to
answer in behalf of independents
and smaller concerns is the possi-
bility of radical activities being
responsible for Dr. Vermilye's non-
appearance.

TRAIN CUTS THE ROPE BY WHICH AUTO IS BEING TOWED

Private City Men Have Narrow Escape at Crossing "Then Fast" Freight Apparatus.

Friends of Harry W. Branding, a
private motor car dealer, have just
learned of a narrow escape with a
thrill of the "movie" type which
Brandling and Harvey Hutchinson, a
mechanic, had several nights ago.
Hutchinson was driving a touring car
and towing Branding in a trailer car
when a Chicago & Alton fast freight
train cut the tow rope, but left the
machines and drivers unharmed at
Nameoki crossing, three miles north of
Granite City.

It was 10 p. m. and dark, and
Hutchinson did not notice the ap-
proaching train until he was on the
track, having sped over and stopped
leaving a slack in the rope. The
towing machine cut the slack rope, and
Branding and Hutchinson are saving
the fragments as a souvenir.

Wrecks Leading in New Zealand Poll.

By the Associated Press.
WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Dec.
26.—The returns in the "no license"
referendum taken simultaneously
with the general election poll are in-
complete. Thus far the official count
places the prohibitionists slightly in
the minority.

Department stores reported in-
creased business over November,
1918, of from 25 to 30 per cent, but
account for the increase as being
produced by higher prices rather
than greater volume of sales. Ready-
to-wear clothing sales have been re-
tarded by high prices, it is stated.

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FAIR AND COLDER TONIGHT; TOMORROW TO BE FAIR

THE TEMPERATURES.

1 a. m. 31 7 a. m. 35
2 a. m. 32 8 a. m. 36
3 a. m. 32 9 a. m. 35
4 a. m. 33 10 a. m. 39
5 a. m. 34 11 a. m. 40
6 a. m. 34 12 p. m. 41

Highest yesterday, 39, at 3 p. m.;
lowest, 21, at 8 a. m.

Official forecast for St. Louis
and vicinity: Fair weather to-
night and tomorrow; colder
tonight, with temperature about 26
degrees.

Missouri: Generally fair to-
night and tomorrow; somewhat
colder tonight in north and central
portions.

Illinois: Generally fair to-
night and tomorrow; slightly
colder tonight in north and central
portions.

Stage of the
river at 7 a. m., 22 feet, a rise of 1
foot.

DETROIT STREET CAR COMPANY
TO CONTINUE 5-CENT FARES

By DAVID LAWRENCE,
A Special Correspondent of the Post-
Dispatch.

(Copyright, 1919.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The
troubles of the Chicago packers are
by no means over. What the Department of Justice has done in
compromising a suit brought under the
Sherman anti-trust law will not
serve the Federal Trade Commission
from its course in bringing proceedings
in 31 different cases, in which it is alleged that the packers are
violating the Federal Trade Commission
laws with reference to unfair competition.

The full significance of a little
statement issued recently, rather
vaguely worded at the time, but con-
veying, nevertheless, the intention of
the Federal Trade Commission, is just
beginning to be apparent.

It developed that the Commission
was fully aware of the negotiations
between the Department of Justice
and the packers and planned the
statement of its position to be issued
co-incidentally with the announcement
of the compromise reached by the
Attorney-General. In many
quarters, the Federal Trade Commission's
position was promptly interpreted as
dissatisfaction with the course of the
Department of Justice, and the fact that the Commission
addressed its letter to the President and
asked for a continuance of his
consideration was construed as the
out-calling of an inter-departmental
quarrel.

But that isn't the situation. The
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WAGE DEMANDS STILL PROBLEM IN RETURN OF ROADS

President's Proclamation
Gives Government Two
Months in Which to Act,
With Living Cost Vital
Factor.

SHOPMEN SAID TO BE GETTING RESTLESS

Most of Union Machinists
Have Voted to Strike if
Congress Passes Cummins
Bill With Anti-Strike
Clause.

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Wilson's proclamation returning the railroads to private control March 1 adds a new aspect to wage problems now before Director-General Hines.

In the opinion of Railroad Administration officials, the President's order, given out Thursday night, should tranquilize the labor situation, inasmuch as the time of Government control is extended by two full months.

Union officers, who have been pressing for a settlement of their demands before the roads went back, on the supposition that the transfer would be made Jan. 1, the date originally set, have not indicated how the proclamation will affect their plans.

The only wage demands now before Hines are those of the 500,000 shopmen, who were refused a general increase of 25 per cent. Last summer, President Wilson and the Director-General taking the position that the war cycle of advancing wages and decreasing living costs must come to an end.

Wage Demands Renewed.

President Jewell and the Executive Council of the six shop crafts recently renewed their demands. They were asked to await an official report by Attorney-General Palmer, since made public.

Palmer's report showed that the customary upward march of prices during the fall months had been much less this year than in the past, with the result that the aviation that the next two months would show substantial results in reducing the inflation of living costs.

Voted for a Strike.

Ninety-eight per cent of the 125,000 union railway machinists voted in November to strike with other trades. In the event Congress enacted the Cummins railroad bill with its anti-strike provision.

In making this announcement today, William H. Johnson, president of the International Association of Machinists, said the vote had been taken before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee reported out the Cummins measure, and the result was not officially published because the association did not want to appear in the attitude of attempting to threaten Congress.

The machinists' membership is around half a million, but not more than 125,000 of this number are employed in railroads.

President Johnston explained that the strike vote stipulated that union railway machinists would quit work if the Cummins bill was passed by both branches of Congress, not by one.

"When the roads were taken over by the Government the employees were free," Johnston said, "and we propose that, if they are turned back to private ownership, the employees shall be equally free. There is no reason why the patriotic legislation as is provided for in the Cummins bill. There never has been a general railroad strike, and there never will be, in my opinion."

So far as labor officials are advised, they will not be given another hearing by Senate or House committees, but they will keep up the fight against the anti-strike section, it was said, and appeal finally to President Wilson to veto the bill if it should be enacted with that clause retained.

The cost of living question, therefore, still is unsettled in the minds of high Government officials, and will not be settled until after Government control of the rail systems has expired. It remains to be seen what view the President and the Director-General will take of the shopmen's renewed demands for more money in the light of the Attorney-General's statement.

It is understood the shop workers were represented to be growing restless over the lack of action on their demands.

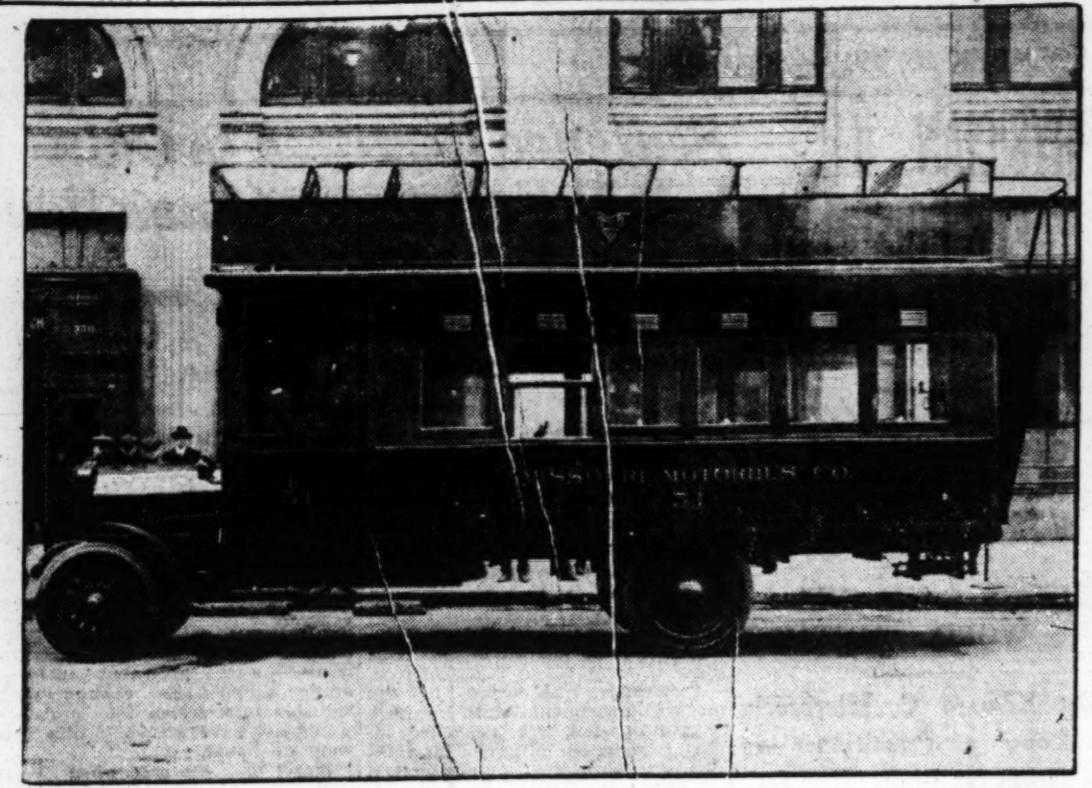
Demands of railroad clerks for more money now are before the board of railway wages and working conditions.

Extension of the time of Federal control will necessitate the placing of additional contracts by the Railroad Administration. It is estimated purchases up to this time generally have been for delivery up to the end of the year. Some rails and ties will have to be bought, also other materials for maintenance work.

Orders by Hines for an inventory of materials on hand as of Jan. 1 will be changed to have the information be as of May 1. The information will be used in settling accounts with the roads.

By another proclamation, issued with that in regard to the railroads, the President ordered the dissolution March 1 of the American Railways Express Co., which was formed July 17, 1918, under Government direction to consolidate the Adams, Amer-

Type of Double-Deck Buses Which St. Louis Company Expects to Operate Here, Beginning in February



Conditions for the operation of two double-deck motor busses which have been received by the Missouri Motorbus Co., local road, will be made in the next few days.

Promoters of the company announced Wednesday, on being notified of the arrival of the busses at an East St. Louis freight depot, that service on an east and west through route would begin this week, and that the service would be built up as more cars should come from the manufacturers in Dayton, O.

Today J. Lucas Turner, general superintendent of the company, said all questions and disputes of whatsoever nature arising out of or incident to Federal control, or otherwise provided for in the proclamation or by act of Congress and generally and to perform as fully in all respects as the President is authorized to do all and singular the acts and things necessary or proper in order to carry into effect this proclamation and the relinquishment of said railroads, systems of transportation and property.

"For this purpose of accounting and for all other purposes, this proclamation shall become effective on the first day of March, 1920, at 12:01 a. m.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done by the President, through Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, in the District of Columbia, this 24th day of December, the year of our Lord, 1919, and of the independence of the United States of America, the 144th. WOODROW WILSON.

"By the President:
"ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State.
"NEWTON D. BAKER, Secretary of War."

**MOTOR TRUCK FIRM TO PAY
MINIMUM WAGE OF \$5 A DAY**

The Traffic Motor Truck Corporation at 5200 North Second street, instead of distributing Christmas bonuses, has made an announcement to its employees that beginning Jan. 1 for the factory force and Feb. 1 for the office force it will establish a minimum wage scale of \$5 a day for all classes of employees.

Invest Your Christmas "Bonus"

—IN A—
Player-Piano,
Victrola or Brunswick
“A Lifetime of Pleasure and Happiness”

JUST RECEIVED

To you folks who were disappointed in not being able to secure your instruments for Christmas, owing to the tremendous shortage of Pianos and Phonographs, we offer the welcome news of the arrival of a late, delayed

Large Shipment of Player-Pianos, Victrolas and Brunswicks

Come in tomorrow and select your instrument.

Convenient Terms Arranged, If Desired

Kieselhorst Piano Company

—ESTABLISHED 1879—

1007 OLIVE STREET

“For 40 Years the Reliable Music Store”

traveled down the Gulf of California against reporting discovery or the bodies.

Richards told of the notes to their families left by the aviators and markings on the airplane wings which indicated they had been there 17 days, and had been forced to drink water from their radiator, all the time steadily losing strength and hope of rescue.

FEDERAL TRADE BODY TO PROCEED AGAINST PACKERS

Continued From Page One.

trols and trusts, combinations, conspiracies, and restraints of trade out of harmony with the law and public interest."

The President so reported to the Congress and placed its mass of facts as as possible they could be digested in the hands of the Department of Justice for such action as it might deem wise. The Commission has responded to the call of committees of Congress which were considering proposed legislation and to the call of the Department of Justice in the further study of the facts transmitted.

"The Commission found that starting with a practical control of the meat packing industry, the present state of affairs, including unfair invasions into other industries to an extent that an ultimate control of the food supply of the nation in a few hands was possible and probable. To this situation it has directed the attention of Congress.

"We should say to you that in this examination the commission has brought out certain facts having to do with the laws, the administration in which it is particularly charged. In particular, the Commission has already been instituted. In others, Federal proceedings are in process of formulation. These things the commission will carry forward in due course and in the orderly prosecution of its work."

In the foregoing paragraphs is revealed the intention to go forward with 31 cases entirely different from those compromised by the Department of Justice. Victor Murdoch, Bull • • • • • in the Curtis Publishing Co., Houston Thompson of Colorado, former Assistant Attorney-General, and William B. Colter, for 10 years publisher of the Clover Leaf Newspapers—the St. Paul News, the Minneapolis News and the Omaha Daily News—constitute the three members of the Federal Trade Commission at present.

Richards said he first discovered an offensive odor while walking the beach awaiting the American crew of the boat on which he was traveling to return from a spring with their water casks. He found a man sitting with a shell, uncovered skull. He continued his exploration and came upon a leather boot. Pulling at the boot he uncovered the entire body and continued work burning the other body to light.

Richards accompanied the expedition that went to Lower California aboard the United States destroyer Ward from San Diego to recover the bodies and airplane and said testimony given to army and navy officers aboard the Ward by Mexican residents of the port indicated the Mexican steamer Esperanza was to the effect the Americans were murdered. Equipment of the airplane was found aboard the Esperanza when that boat was overhauled and made fast to the Ward, according to Richards. The airplane was found 20 miles from the bodies.

Tells of Findings.

The Esperanza was seized when a Mexican ashore told American officials this boat had brought the aviators to the beach, where the animals had attacked the bodies of the aviators, according to Richards, who were buried only under six inches of sand when he found them. Flesh from the upper part of their bodies had been eaten away, he said.

In the rough grave Richards said he found a bar of iron two feet long. The skull of Waterhouse had been crushed, he said, and Connolly's body and clothing indicated he had been stabbed.

Richards related warnings he alleged were made by the Mexican Captain of the boat on which he

was taken to one of the cells back of the courtroom by the man who asked permission to go to the room. A Deputy Sheriff accompanied him there and stood outside the door. After a long wait he opened the door. The woman was gone and a window of the room was open. Apparently she had reached the high sill by climbing on a washstand and had jumped from the window, which is several feet from the ground.

When arrested at 2 a. m. Dec. 26, she gave her address as 2600 Washington Avenue. This is the address of the Coliseum. The complaining witness was Onesto Catazarina, keeper of a store in Union Market, and with private firms there for 500,000 barrels of refined petroleum, according to a Bucharest dispatch.

It is said the price paid was \$3,150,000, and that the oil will be taken to America by way of Constantinople on ships supplied by the American Government. The contracts run through February, 1920. British firms endeavored to secure the oil, but were outbid, it is reported.

At the time of the arrest, the woman was captured while running in an alley.

French Loan Oversubscribed in a Day.

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Gillette Razor Expert
—is here this week in the interest of Gillette users.
Bring in your razors; no charge for service rendered.

SATURDAY STORE HOURS: 9 A. M. TO 6 P. M.

STIX, BAER & FULLER

GRAND-LEADER

Charge Purchases
—made the balance of the month will appear on
January statements, payable in February.

The Annual Sale of Clothing For Men, Boys and Children

IN announcing this sale in this morning's paper we stated, "First of all, in connection with this sale announced here, it is well to remember that clothing from this store is justly celebrated for its style, individuality and superiority of quality." And this is of more than special interest when such nationally-known makes as "Kuppenheimer" clothes for men, and "Skolny" clothes for boys are included in this sale at

20% Discount

If the present conditions in the clothing markets are taken into consideration, an opportunity such as this is, without question, unusual in every sense of the word. Our patrons, however, have come to look forward to this Annual Sale and we shall not disappoint them.

It is an event without limitation, for it offers clothing for men, boys and children at a uniform discount of 20%, presenting such a money's-worth of clothing satisfaction you have seldom known. Even if you do not need clothing now, you will be making a real investment by selecting for next year's use,

This is the first day of the sale—tomorrow will be equally interesting, but in a sale of this kind, where no garments are held in reserve, where all are displayed in readiness for the very first comers, early selection naturally is advisable.

Parents will find this sale of more than passing interest, in that it presents the opportunity to outfit their boys at a substantial saving—and with the assurance that the clothing conforms absolutely with our exacting standard for correct style and unfailing quality. And all at 20% discount.

(Men's Store Across Street, at Seventh)



After-Christmas Sale of Holiday Goods Offers Endless Assortments of

MERCHANDISE that includes limited quantities, broken lines, slightly mussed goods from handling, and many other lines that are termed Holiday Goods—all are being closed out at 20% to 50% discount. For example:

—Women's Handkerchiefs at 7c, 10c, 12c and 25c each
—Men's Handkerchiefs at 17c each
—Children's Handkerchiefs at 10c box
—Odd lots of Women's Waists at \$2.55
—Fancy Boudoir Caps and fancy Neckpieces at 25c. Other Neckpieces at 50c
—Children's Winter Coats at 25% discount
—Toys and Dolls at 25% discount
—Japanese Boxes, in various sizes and shapes, at 50% discount
—Table Runners from England and Japan at 25% discount

Knit Underwear at Special Prices

Underwear in the wanted weights, and the assortments offer selection from various kinds. The prices are very unusual, considering the quality of the garments.

Women's Union Suits, \$1.50

FINE-GAUGE, elastic-rib cotton Union Suits; medium weight. Sleeveless or high neck, long sleeves and ankle length, finished at neck and arms with narrow linen lace. Full lapped closing at back. Sizes 40 to 48, \$1.75

Women's Union Suits, \$1.10

Light fleeced cotton Union Suits; high neck, long sleeves and ankle length; cut full large. Sizes 40 to 44, \$1.25

Shirts or Drawers, \$1.49

Women's merino Shirts, with long sleeves, and Drawers with tight top or French band. Soft, medium-weight garments. Sizes 40, 42 and 44, \$1.69 the garment

Women's Shirts and Drawers; light fleeced; slight imperfections; 79c the garment.

Girls' Union Suits, \$1.19

Fleeced Union Suits; long sleeves, ankle length, drop seat closing. Sizes up to 16 years.

(Main Floor.)

The Misses' Store and the Girls' Store Announce The After-Christmas Sale of Apparel

A SALE that centers interest on these two specialty departments. Girls going back to school want to have new clothes to wear. The Misses' Store has reduced some of its' smartest Suits and Frocks—just the kind that girls want to pack in their trunks. And younger sister, who is still in grade school, can find some good looking Serge Frocks that will be just the right outfit for her. Prices now are radically reduced, making possible decided savings on new clothes.

Misses' Coats

\$29 \$39 \$49

Warm Coats that will be splendid to wear during the remaining cold weather months and fine to start in next year with, are marked at these three prices. You will find model Coats of the finer coating materials with big fur collars, marked at specially reduced prices.

Misses' Suits

\$39 \$49 \$59

Expertly tailored Suits, made of silvertone, check velours, duvet cloths and velours de laine, offered at greatly lowered prices. There are dozens of styles.

Besides these, there are Suits of peachbloom, velveteen and duvet de laine, with collars of fur. These are reduced to \$75 and \$95.

Misses' Dresses

\$24 \$39 \$49

Dresses of silk or cloth, tailored beautifully and made in a variety of styles, as smart and attractive as the first day they arrived in the department. Pleatings, ruffles, dainty lace collars make effective trimmings for the silk frocks. Those of cloth are more tailored, with braid and buttons to trim them.

At \$9.75 and up there are model Dresses that have been reduced from much higher prices.

Girls' Coats

\$13.75

Unusual values are in this group of Coats. This is an opportunity to practice economy and to get a greater-than-usual value for the amount spent. The Coats are of velour, silvertone and cheviot. Some are trimmed with fur. Sizes 6 to 16 years.

Girls' Serge Dresses

\$14.75

A group of well-made, good-looking Serge Dresses has been marked at very special price. Sizes 6 to 14.

Sale of Trimmed Millinery

at \$3.00 and \$7.00



HERE'S an opportunity to purchase a Winter Trimmed Hat to finish the season at a great saving, as all of these Hats have been marked down from their original low prices.

In the assortment are Fur Hats, Velvets, Panne Velvets and Brocades, in black and colors.

Untrimmed and Ready-to-Wear Hats

Reduced to \$1.00 \$2.00 \$3.00

Our entire stock of banded Velours, Beavers, Hatters' Plush Hats, as well as our untrimmed Winter Hats, represent these three groups. Black and colors to select from.



Our Entire Stock of Furs and Fur Coats
at 25% Discount

Scruggs-Vandemoort-Barney

Our Entire Stock of Furs and Fur Coats
at 25% Discount

Store Hours: 9 to 5:30; Saturday, 9 to 6

Charge Purchases Entered on January Statements Payable in February.

Olive and Locust from Ninth to Tenth

Our Greatest Semi-Annual Clearance Sale of Women's Apparel Continues Tomorrow With Unabated Enthusiasm

OFFERING MANY MONEY-SAVING OPPORTUNITIES—REDUCTIONS AVERAGING 25% to 50%

Clearance of Women's Regular \$57.50 to \$95 Winter Coats

This group consists of Coats of Silvertone, Bolivia, Evora, Silver-tipped Bolivia and Velours with collars of self-material or large fur collars of Hudson Seal, Sealine, Taupe or Natural Nutria or Australian Opossum. They are attractively lined throughout in plain or fancy silk and warmly interlined.

\$49

Clearance of Women's Regular \$115 and \$120 Winter Coats

Modish Coats of Crystal Cord, Bolivia, Silvertone Mosbray and silver-tipped Bolivia are included in this group. Some feature handsome fur collars and fur pockets—others have collars and pockets of self-material. All are lined throughout with plain or fancy silk of splendid quality and adequately interlined.

\$59

Clearance of Women's Regular \$125 to \$172.50 Winter Coats

Beautiful Plush Dolmans, lined in fancy pussy-willow silk, also Coats of Crystal Cord and Bolivia in exclusive models, made on semi-fitting lines, are in this group. The Bolivia and Crystal Cord Coats have large raccoon collars and are also silk lined and comfortably interlined.

\$75

Clearance of Women's Regular \$29.50 Wool Jersey Dresses

These were obtained in a big special purchase arriving just before Christmas and will now be placed in our Semi-Annual Clearance Sale. They display an interesting variety of smart models, in straightline, casaque and tunic effects, with braiding and wool embroidery in contrasting colors used in delightful ways. Whether it is for business, shopping or afternoon wear, these Frocks are equally desirable and most attractive. Choice of colors includes reindeer, brown, delft blue and navy blue.

\$19.75

Misses' \$49.75 Suits

FOR quick selling we are offering Misses' Tailored Suits in silvertone, wool velour, serge and other wanted materials. Late models, silk-lined coats, popular shades. Sizes 14 to 18.

Special Reductions on Higher-Grade Suits.
All Fur Trimmed

\$285 Misses' Suits—Beaver collar and pockets.	\$245
\$255 Misses' Suits—Hudson seal collar, velvet blouse, \$185	\$185
\$245 Misses' Suits—Skunk collar and trimming, \$185	\$185
Limited number of the above in velour checks and plain velour.	

Misses' Frocks

Charming Frocks, for evening, afternoon and street wear, are included in this group.

\$35.00 Frocks, Now	\$19.75
\$45.00 Frocks, Now	\$29.75

Other frocks materially reduced.

Misses' Shop—Third Floor.

Misses' Coats

Up-to-the-minute styles in various materials. You will find a material saving in this sale.

\$12.50 Misses' Coats, now	\$7.50
\$19.50 Misses' Coats, now	\$12.50
\$29.75 Misses' Coats, now	\$19.75
\$35.00 Sport Suedene Coats, \$25.00	
\$39.75 Sport Suedene Coats, \$25.00	

In the Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

All Winter Hats

At $\frac{1}{2}$ PriceFur Hats Trimmed Hats Mourning Hats
Tailored Hats Juvenile Hats

—every Winter Hat in the Millinery Shop has been reduced to half-price for this event.

There is a most unusual assortment of smart Hats in late Winter modes, in black and attractive shades.

Hats for every occasion are shown and the selection is most gratifying.

Third Floor.

Trimmings—Special!

Odds and ends of Ostrich Tips, Fancy Wings and Ornaments will also be offered specially priced at 10c to 25c. For convenient selection these will be placed on First-Floor Tables.

Semi-Annual
Clearance Sale of
Sweaters

at \$4.50

Regular \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$7.50
Sweaters

THIS selling of Children's Sweaters includes the wanted colors and combinations, with convertible collar and cuffs, belt and two pockets. Sizes 2 to 10 years.

\$4.50

Boys' Furnishing Shop—

Second Floor

Semi-Annual Clearance
Sale of
Knitted Toques, 39c
Children's Knitted
Toques in a variety of colors, and color combination,
50c and 75c Toques at 39c
Boys' Furnishing Shop—

Second Floor

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale of
Philippine Underwear

In this sale we are offering handled undergarments at notable reductions.

A tubbing and you will have dainty garments at no small saving.

\$3.45 Philippine Envelope Chemise, \$2.98

Hand scalloped and de-sign; broken sizes.

Broken sizes.

A Few Philippine Nightgowns Embroidered,
Greatly Reduced
Silk Underwear Shop—Third Floor.

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale of

Women's Undergarments

A sale of handled undergarments in nainsook, lace and embroidered trimmings:

\$1.50 Nainsook Envelope Chemise, lace trimmed \$1.19

\$2 Nainsook Envelope Chemise, lace and embroidery trimmed \$1.65

50c Cambric Drawers, closed, embroidery trimmed 35c

\$2 Striped Flannelette Gowns with V neck, at \$1.50

One group of Silk Camisoles, Envelope Chemise and Nightgowns, slightly soiled, greatly reduced.

Women's Underwear Shop—Third Floor.

Men Still Have an Opportunity to Take Advantage of Our Tremendous Purchase and Sale of

Winter Overcoats

\$23.75

This Is Truly the Economy Overcoat Event of the Season

ORIGINALLY this purchase consisted of 546 Overcoats. A great number have been sold to men who know good Overcoat values, and who realize that it is very seldom, indeed, that an opportunity is presented to obtain a good, serviceable Overcoat at such a nominal price.

This great sale still provides a complete assortment in the four desirable patterns of warm gray mixtures.

The Overcoats are full belted, full lined, double-breasted Ulsterettes—just the kind of styles a man wants this season.

The fitting qualities of each garment is assured, because of the careful manner in which they have been made—cut full and accurately, and painstakingly tailored.

They are not in any way the kind of Coat you would ordinarily expect for \$23.75. We knew they were worth far more, but to guard against any possible overestimate in our enthusiasm we had six expert shoppers cover the Overcoat situation in St. Louis, and their unanimous report was that no garments were being offered elsewhere to compare with the ones in this sale at a price under \$30 to \$35.

This sale presents a savings opportunity, therefore, that men of good, sound judgment should take immediate steps to benefit by.

Buy a Coat for the rest of this Winter. Buy an extra one to make the one you already have last longer. Buy an extra one for future use, if you do not need it now, for such Overcoats may not be offered again for a long time at such a small price.

\$23.75

Men's Clothing Shop—Second Floor.



ALLEGED ROBBER SHOT
IN ATTEMPTED HOLDUP.

Wounded Man Denies Charge, However, Declaring He Just "Happened Into" Saloon.

Holdup Men Knock Man Senseless
Because He Has Only \$12.60.

Four holdups and four burglaries were reported last night and early today.

Harry Molas, 4242 W. Page boulevard, was hit on the head with a revolver and knocked senseless by two robbers who told him he should have more money after they had found \$12.60 in his pockets when they stopped him at Twentieth and Wash streets at 2 a.m.

The bartenders turned over to the police a revolver containing two cartridges, on which, it appeared, the

Irwin Quinn, 21 years old, 808 North Eighteenth street, was shot in the right leg today at 12:45 a.m. while an attempt was being made to break up the saloon of Alex Chulich at 2237 Franklin avenue. The bartenders in the saloon declared that Quinn was one of two men who attempted the holdup. Quinn denies this, declaring that he "happened in" while the attempt was being made.

The bartenders turned over to the police a revolver containing two cartridges, on which, it appeared, the

hammer had snapped ineffectually. They declared that they had taken the revolver from Quinn after he had tried to fire it. One of the bartenders, Nick Grich, said that he had shot Quinn when he had sensed that a holdup was about to occur, and after Quinn and a companion had ordered the 20 customers in the saloon to throw up their hands.

Christmas presents were included in the \$250 worth of loot taken by burglars from the home of Charles Grosby, 5166 Kensington avenue, between 10 and 11 p.m. Three houses of which were taken also. Other burglaries were made by Mrs. Amelia Samish, 4242 Lindell boulevard, 10 quarts of whisky; Oscar Walter, 4163 Laclade avenue, nothing, and the flats of Theodore J. Haggeman and W.H. Connors, 4084 and 4084A Kennerly avenue, \$300 in jewelry.

NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS FREED
IN JAIL DELIVERY AT TOLEDO

Cottages in Suburb Watched for Safe-Breakers and Silk Robbers; Reporters in Attack.

By the Associated Press
TOLEDO, O., Dec. 26.—Police and county authorities scoured the country about here today for four na-

tionally-known criminals who were freed in a jail delivery yesterday in which a deputy sheriff was shot. Detectives began a search through a number of cottages at Point Place, a suburb where the men are thought to have hidden themselves after being taken there in an automobile by their deliverers.

The men at large are Edward Merle, alias D. W. West, safe-blower and convicted murderer; Frank Whitey Howard, alias Albert Johnson, safe-blower; Albert Loach, silk robber and burglar, and Leo Mitchell, held on a charge of carrying firearms.

Four men are under arrest suspected of being concerned in the delivery. Two of them were taken recently from the Point Place district in an automobile. Two others were picked up on the tip that they were going to the city prison to release the others arrested. The four are held under heavy guard.

SCHMITZ & SHRODER

After-Xmas Sale of Men's

OVERCOATS

\$21.50

\$35

\$28.50

A STUNNING group of single and double-breasted Overcoats in belted and semi-belted

After-Xmas Sale of
Men's Suits

\$15 \$25
\$20

UP-TO-THE-MINUTE styles—single and double breasted, belted and conservative models in the ultra-fashionable fabrics and colors.

All of these Suits are from our higher-priced lines—two and three of a kind—and are very exceptional values.

Others Up to \$60.

models, new form-fitting and box Coat effects, Chesterfields, Ulsterettes and Great Coats in novelty weaves and standard Scotches, cheviots and kerseys.

For diversity of style, fabric and real down-right value this Overcoat display is unmatched.

Others Up to \$65.

After-Xmas Sale of
Boys' Mackinaws

A SPLENDID group of Mackinaws—beautiful blue, brown and red plaids in the new double-breasted belted style with shawl collars. Sizes 9 to 16.....



\$8.75

Boys' Caps

Saturday
Special.... 95c

GOOD-LOOKING one-piece Boys' Caps, in splendid quality of light and dark brown corduroy, with bands.

Boys' Blouses

Saturday
Special.... 79c

A VERY large assortment of light and dark patterns, in percale and blue chambray, with yoke and finished cuffs.

SCHMITZ & SHRODER

S. E. CORNER EIGHTH AND WASHINGTON AV.

If you see it in a Schmitz & Shroder ad—it's TRUE

After-Xmas Clearance Sale
Closing Out All Winter Apparel

Bedell

Washington Avenue at Seventh Street
Season's Gift Blouses Reduced

Drastic Sacrificing of
Remaining Models

Bewitching models, effectively trimmed and embroidered. All the latest fashion in crepe de chine, willow silks, novelty silks. All new shades. \$3

Irresistible creations, heralding newer fashion notes for coming season. Georgette, crepe de chine, striped satin, striped silk. Beaded, braided and lace trimmed. \$5

Fur-Collar Coats Reduced

Closing Out Our Higher Cost
Winter Style Successes

Velours, silverstone, melton, kersey, pompon. Latest modes—flared, yoked or plaited backs—novelty belts, shawl or "snuggle" collars. \$25

Fur-trimmed models, featuring bloused, tucked and shirred backs—new collars, belts and pockets. Broadcloths, lustrola, velour, silverstone, pompon. Silk lined and interlined. \$35

Luxuriously fur-trimmed—the outstanding successes of the season. Bolivias, wool velours, silvertones, polo and seal plashes. Dofman, belted, flared effects. \$55

Magnificent presentation of costly Coats—all drastically reduced. Cascade, silk Bolivias, Yalama cloth, silvercord, silvertones. With luxurious collars and trimmings of best furs. \$75

Clearance High-Grade Frocks

Lovely Street and Afternoon Modes
Beautifully Embellished

Collection includes newest modes—Redingotes long-waisted, back-buttoned and other interesting styles. Tricotine, serge, satin and Georgette combinations. \$18

Youthful models, designed by Bedell! Smart lines in new and distinctive interpretations. Tricotine, velours, silvertones, satins, Georgettes. New color schemes. \$25

Authoritative adaptations—emphasizing the extended hip line, back-button and other novel embellishments. As clever a frock as Paris has devised. \$35

For formal or informal occasions! Featuring the latest fashions in mazes of tulle, nets, satins, velvets and gold cloths. In colors translating the gayety of the social season. \$55

Skirts—Repriced for Clearance

Stunning new versions, at drastic reduction. For sport, afternoon or business. Well tailored, comfortable and warm. Velour plaids, checks, Oxfords, manly serges, silk failles. New embellishments. \$7.50

Closing Out Fine Suits

Two Money-Saving Groups

Desirable models for afternoon or business wear. Of manly serges, Velours, Oxfords and Cheveronias.

Reduced to
\$20

Our better productions—exclusive but not expensive. Tricotine, Wool Velours, Silvertones, Broadcloths.

Reduced to
\$35

SWISS AVALANCHES KILL MANY
Sweep Down Upon Village, Terrorizing Inhabitants.
By the Associated Press.
GENEVA, Dec. 26.—The avalanches which occurred at the mountain resort of Davos Wednesday, caused terror among residents and visitors, and resulted in a number of deaths in the village. One huge powdery avalanche swept down upon a

sanitarium, smashing doors and windows and killing a Russian woman and her nurse and seriously injuring others. Many were imprisoned in upper floors throughout the night. It is considered a miracle that the same day did not damage, as the walls were badly damaged.

Another avalanche almost overwhelmed the pension Germania. Five dead have been taken from this building, but it is feared others are buried under the wreckage.

Bring This Ad With You—Worth \$1.00
On Any Purchase Made Here Between Now and January 1st

I-N-V-E-S-T —IN A— DIAMOND

Buy a Diamond as you would make an investment, looking at it from a standpoint of profit as well as pleasure. Bear these facts in mind: Diamonds are constantly increasing in value—they last forever—are easily and quickly turned into cash—and are a source of lasting pleasure. If at any time you wish a larger stone, we will allow you the full purchase price in making the exchange.

LADIES' DIAMOND RINGS
\$1 DOWN—\$1 WEEK
\$2 DOWN—\$2 WEEK
\$34
\$74

MEN'S DIAMOND RINGS
\$1 DOWN—\$1 WEEK
\$20

MEN'S ELGIN WATCHES
\$1 DOWN—\$1 WEEK
\$20

Diamond Studs \$34
Diamond Earrings \$49
Diamond La Vallieres, \$11
Birthstone Set Rings, \$5
Cameo Gold Rings \$6
Signet Gold Rings \$5
Rogers Silverware Sets. \$16.75
\$1 Down, \$1 Week

\$50 Liberty Bonds
Worth \$50.00 in Merchandise
at Barnett's.

Watch Repairing
We specialize in Expert
Watch Repairing.

Ben Barnett
JEWELRY CO.
808 PINE ST.



Keeping the cold out keeps the coal in

But you can't keep the cold out until all those leaking cracks around your windows and doors have been sealed with Monarch Metal Weather Strip.

Deal Direct with the Factory
and get rock-bottom prices. Telephone us today
—or drop us a postal. We will have our representative call and give you prices and complete information.

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MONARCH
METAL WEATHER STRIPS

Charge purchases made during the rest
of the year entered on January state-
ments, payable in February.

Garlands

No exchanges or refunds permitted—
no merchandise taken back for credit—
every sale must be final.

Saturday—the Second Day of a Series of

HOLIDAY WEEK SALES

The second day of this great Annual Event will feature a special big unit group of Misses' and Women's Coats, Suits and Dresses, Girls' Coats and all-size Waists and Blouses in five greatly underpriced groups. We do not believe a more forceful and convincing example could be presented of the unmatched values this five-day series of special Holiday Week Sales offers.

Misses' and Women's Dresses

Worth
to \$39.50 \$16.75



Dresses of
Tricotine
Georgette
Serge
Satin
Jersey
Varied
Combinations

Misses' and Women's Coats

Worth
to \$39.50 \$17.50



Coats of
Silvertone
Velour
Suedene
Cheviot
Tweed
Some Fur
Trimmed

Misses' and Women's Suits

Worth
to \$55.00 \$24.75



Suits of
Broadcloth
Velour
Serge
Oxford
Twills
Some Fur
Trimmed

Every model—and there are 50 or more distinctive styles—is a late creation; the sort of styles you will not meet at every turn. Frocks for all daytime functions, for dinner and theater parties—Dresses wonderfully made in the materials we have mentioned and tastefully trimmed in Fashion's best effects.

Other Dress Values From \$59.50 to \$85.
Underpriced \$24.50 to \$37.50

Smart, warm, up-to-the-minute fur or self-trimmed Coats offered at this ridiculously low price is indeed a startling fact in these times of economic difficulties. But you must SEE THE COATS—one glance will convince you that they are wonderful and that you were fortunate in waiting for this great annual event.

Other Coat Values From \$79.50 to \$269.50.
Underpriced Now From \$35 to \$110

Take into consideration the distinctiveness of the styles—the loveliness of the lines of every model. Note the wonderfully smart tailoring, consider the fact that the best colors are represented. See the fur trimmings on some, others braid or button trimmed or stunningly tailored. Do all this, then revert back to the very low sale price.

Other Suit Values From \$69.50 to \$189.50.
Underpriced Now From \$34.75 to \$89.50

Waists Underpriced

In Five Holiday Week Sale Groups

Crisp, new specially purchased Waists and Blouses, and others reduced from our own fine stocks, comprises this vast assortment, which are offered at an average of ONE-HALF their rightful values.

To \$7.00 Waists	To \$12.00 Waists	To \$15.00 Waists	To \$19.95 Waists	To \$29.50 Waists
\$3.65	\$5.95	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$15.00

Georgettes

Crepe de Chines

Voiles

Just think! Three thousand Waists in all, including the season's most charming creations, and the latest and finest style conceits. Beadings, of course, and embroidery and all the smartest trimmings. Flesh, white and suit shades. An abundance of clever color combinations. All the new collar and neck effects are included.

Petticoats Underpriced

Several hundred new Petticoats in any color and many combinations. Jersey, taffeta and combinations of these materials are included.

Values
to \$12.50 \$5.95

Values
to \$15.00 \$7.95

Girls' New Coats

Specially Purchased for the

Holiday Week Sales

\$25 to \$35 \$15.00
Coats,

Developed of

Beavertex	Corduroy
Velvet	Silvertone
Cheviot	Scotch Mixtures

Sizes 6 to 16

This is indeed a most unusual offer. Every Coat in this extraordinary group is FULL LINED and some are FUR TRIMMED.

Parents, bring the daughter here to-morrow. She will enthuse over the beauty of these Coats, as you will over the values they represent.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S OWN STORY

Pastoral Letter, Written After Cardinal's Return From Rome, and Telling of Encouragement Received From Pope Benedict, Angers Von Bissing—More Attacks on Priests for Patriotic Sermons.

CHAPTER XVII.

Fresh Complaints Follow Return From Rome.

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A NEW TENSILE characterized the relations of Cardinal Mercier and Von Bissing following the return of the primate from Rome in February, 1916.

The third of the pastoral letters, "For the Feast of All Saints and All Souls' Day," had been written on Oct. 15, 1915. The Governor-General confessed himself pleased with its tone, declaring in a letter to the Cardinal that it was "a great improvement on those which have preceded it." He was, as is evident in the correspondence, anxious to keep on reasonably good terms with the prelate prior to Mercier's departure for the outer world, but Cardinal Mercier would speak patriotically and frankly of conditions in Belgium without being doubted.

His reception by all classes in Italy, where he remained about a month, and in Switzerland, which he traversed en route, was exceedingly fervent. He was clearly recognized as one of the dominant spiritual forces of the war, a stanch patriot and an untiring champion of the truth.

These experiences unquestionably him to comfort his flock vigorously fortified his soul and strengthened and without reserve. The imme-

diate result of this situation was a fourth pastoral letter, "On Our Return From Rome," which violently enraged the Governor-General.

New German Insolence.

With the Cardinal now back in Belgium, Von Bissing had now no longer any need to assume a conciliatory pose. Moreover, the course of the war was productive of new excesses of German insolence.

Cardinal Mercier returned Feb. 27, 1916. Just four days before, the Crown Prince had launched the first terrific attack on Verdun. On the 27th came the news of the capture of Fort Douaumont and the great losses by the French.

A wave of despair swept through the Allied countries. To be sure, Germany was one of the most highly organized and tremendous attacks in the history of warfare was not easy.

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Von Bissing was vastly annoyed that at such a time the Cardinal should preach hope to his people and once more insist upon the inevitable triumph of their cause.

It is likely that the Governor felt irritated also by a letter which the Cardinal sent to him on the eve of his departure, Jan. 11. In this letter, the Cardinal complained of the refusal to permit Belgian Catholics, held as prisoners on political charges, to have priests of their own nation as confessors. He also complained that soldiers in solitary confinement were refused permission to assist at religious services. He wrote that, in Brussels, there were more than 400 untired prisoners, suffering, because of the German rules, from "the stunting of their moral and religious instincts."

Agrees With Newspaper.

In the same letter the Cardinal referred to the extract from the newspaper *Vingtieme Siècle* (Twentieth Century), which the Governor had sent him. Of this article he wrote:

"In the early days of January, 1915, I had the honor of writing to

your excellency that my letter (the Christmas pastoral of 1914) would keep up the courage of our people and would prevent the seditious uproar which the German authorities, in their alarm, expected. Sure as I was of my ground, I refused to withdraw my letter and gave orders to the clergy to read it. A whole year's experience must have proved to the most pessimistic minds that my forecasts were correct and that therefore I ought to be of one mind in wishing to harmonize the regulations of the disciplinary measures of the occupying power with the respect due to the patriotism and the national dignity of the Belgian people. In substance, this is what the article in *the Vingtieme Siècle* means, and in that sense I can only agree with it."

On Feb. 29, two days after the Cardinal's return from Rome, Von Bissing wrote him, complaining that the Vicar Wittemberg, in a sermon in St. Alice's Church Feb. 13, had said:

"The German people is a lying people. Till now the Pope has only heard the German version, now he bears the Belgian version. The Cardinal of Malines was received by the Pope at the same time as another Belgian priest; he will be back in a few days with very good news for the Belgians. The Germans will be made responsible for all that has taken place in Belgium; the Belgians will get a slice of Germany."

Explains Vicar's Sermon.

The Cardinal, replying March 6, said he had questioned the Vicar, and quoted his explanation, in substance, as follows:

"The gist of my sermon," said the Vicar Wittemberg, "was to comment on the parable of the grain of mustard seed and the leaven. I expatiated on the wondrous growth of the church from its very beginning and the transformation effected in the world by the preaching of the gospel. In my peroration I spoke of the prestige of the papacy at the present time. All eyes are turned on Benedict XV. All nations vie with one another for his sympathy. Till now Belgium had had no opportunity to show that the Vicar of Christ had but our archbishop and another member of the Belgian hierarchy in Rome. We must all have con-

'idence in them. It is, of course, difficult for the holy father to see the truth in the midst of different and often opposite versions, which come to him from every side. But let us be of good hope; already there is a rumor abroad that his holiness has told the Bishop of Namur that if he were one day invited to the peace negotiations, he would put down as a first condition the liberation of Belgium."

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CHAPTER XVIII.
"Our Return From Rome."

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Cardinal read in all the churches

of the diocese the Cardinal's pas

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Rome." The Cardinal, after express

ing the joy he felt at finding himself

in the midst of the faithful of his

diocese, said that his journey had

been received with fatherly

kindness by the people, and the cause

of Belgium was his

chief concern.

Everywhere the moral triumph of

Belgium had been definitely won and

the assurances, which several

interested and attentive observers

saw, that the general situation had

given fixed in his heart, more

rooted than ever, this convic

tion of final victory.

Keep an absolute faith in Prov

idence," he added; "we are not al

ways in the hands of the

mighty, more so, indeed, than the

strength of the fields or the birds

of the air which flutter about the trees?"

"Make your plans, set up

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command, on the point of gaining a

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Therefore, above all, have con

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"I Return Very Happy."

There are many things that I

cannot say to you. The abnormal sit

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prevents us from revealing to you

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Children's Shoes Reduced

THIS sale, which begins tomorrow morning, offers an unusual opportunity to fit the little ones out in strong, sturdy, stylish Winter footwear at a decided saving.

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Sizes 5 to 11 1/2

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Loin, lb. 12c
Stew, lb. 8c
Legs, lb. 12c

Fresh Ground Hamburger, lb. 12c

Pork Shoulders, lb. 20c

Beef Shoulders, solid meat, lb. 20c

Bacon, 2 to 4 lb pieces, lb. 27c

Pork Sausage Meat, lb. 15c

Prime Rib Roast Beef, lb. 15c

Rib Veal Chops. 3 lbs. 25c

Fresh Liver Sausage, lb. 10c

Neck Pork Shoulders, lb. 21c

Rib and Loin Pork Chops, lb. 25c

Creamo Oleo Margarine, lb. 42c

Creamo Nut Margarine, lb. 35c

Tomato Catsup, 10-oz. bottle. 10c

Herring, Holland style, doz. 45c

Salmon, each. 5c

White Fish, each. 5c

Armenian Starch, doz. 35c

Worcester Creamer, lb. 45c

Tomato Catsup with pound Mt. Auburn. 45c

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First Floor.

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These Regular \$2.95 Smocks

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A limited quantity of linens
Smocks to be closed out; prettily em
broidered; long sleeves; square and
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lasts.

First Floor.

Entire Winter Stock Included in Our Greatest CLEARANCE SALE!

Every Winter Garment in Our Stock Bears a Special Clearance Price!

*The Only Exceptions Are Underwear, Petticoats and Furs—Although Many
Furs Have Been Reduced and Prices Are Low Throughout the Department*

Having accumulated a tremendous stock, we are compelled by circumstances to make the most drastic reductions in a Great Clearance Sale that surpasses any such sale we have ever held. Every Fall and Winter garment remaining in our stock has been radically reduced.

The only exceptions are Underwear and Petticoats (which will be offered during our January Sale a little later) and Furs. And while all Furs are not included, there are many that have been reduced. You will find prices throughout the Fur Department to be very low, indeed.

DRESSES

Reduced for Clearance

Clearance of Up to \$25 Dresses.....	\$13.79
Clearance of Up to \$30 Dresses.....	\$17.90
To \$50 Daytime and Evening Dresses.....	\$23.90
To \$60 Daytime and Evening Dresses.....	\$33.00
To \$100 Daytime and Evening Dresses.....	\$50.00
To \$125 Daytime and Evening Dresses.....	\$75.00
To \$185 Daytime and Evening Dresses.....	\$100.00
To \$195 Daytime and Evening Dresses.....	\$125.00
To \$250 Daytime and Evening Dresses.....	\$150.00
To \$375 Daytime and Evening Dresses.....	\$200.00

Fourth Floor.

EXTRA SPECIAL!

Dancing Frocks

Values Up to \$35

\$15

Just 37 of the dainty frocks for dancing and party wear, lovely evening shades; a number of pretty styles; on sale as long as the lot lasts.

Fourth Floor.

SUITS

Values Up to \$35

\$15

Just 37 suits sacrificed for immediate clearance; a number of different styles; models from our higher-priced lines.

Third Floor.

COATS

Values Up to \$30

\$19.75

A quick clearance of 30 Winter Coats; fur-trimmed and plain tailored styles; on sale Saturday morning as long as the lot lasts.

Third Floor.

WAISTS

Values to \$6.95

\$3.50

Georgette Waists; slightly mussed from handling; a limited quantity priced for instant clearance; on sale as long as the lot lasts.

First Floor.

SKIRTS

Values Up to \$20

\$4.79

Silk faille Skirts, plaid Skirts and serge Skirts; models taken from our higher priced lines and marked for immediate clearance; a limited quantity.

Fourth Floor.

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Clearance of Up to \$40 Coats.....	\$23.95
Clearance of Up to \$55 Coats.....	\$33.95
Clearance of Up to \$80 Coats.....	\$49.50
Up to \$110 Coats and Wraps.....	\$65.00
Up to \$125 Coats and Wraps.....	\$79.00
Up to \$165 Coats and Wraps.....	\$99.00
Up to \$200 Coats and Wraps.....	\$125.00
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To really Enjoy the sugar shortage, all you need is a jar of HIP-O-LITE. Your grocer has it.

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Specially designed Coats for cold weather, giving warmth, comfort and a chic appearance. Made of velour, polo cloth, broadcloth, cheviot, silvertone, silvertip and mixtures. A good range of colors and sizes.

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Values to \$125

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Men's \$1.50 and \$2.00 Knit and Silk Mufflers, tomorrow \$1.00
Men's \$2.50 Brocaded Silk Mufflers, tomorrow 1.50
Men's \$3.50 Striped Silk Mufflers, tomorrow 2.50

Thousands of Men's Shirts in Every Desired Color and Pattern.

Men's soft finish Madras Cuff Shirts, in neat conservative and extreme patterns; 5-button, coat style. Sizes 14 to 17. Specifically priced, \$2.45.



(Main Floor—Nugents.)

After-Xmas Sale of Boys' Clothes!
Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Mackinaws

\$10.65

Including Boys' Two-Pants Suits of wool cassimeres. Boys' Overcoats, chinchillas, etc. Sizes 3 to 8. Boys' Mackinaws, in new waistline models.

A grouping of all small lots after our tremendous holiday business and the values will appeal to you—so, mothers, come early for best selection.

Boys' \$12.50 Corduroy Suits, \$9.95

Craventted corduroy in drab color; knickers full lined; sizes 6-17.

Boys' \$2.50 Knickers, \$1.97

Full-lined wool cassimeres, made with watch pockets and belt loops. Sizes 7 to 17.

Boys' \$10.00 Rain Outfits, \$7.85

Double texture cloth, cemented and strapped seams, belted all around, hat to match. Sizes 4 to 18.

Boys' \$12.50 Velvet Suits, \$9.95

Silk velvet in middy style, colors navy and brown, trimmed with silk soutache braid; sizes 3 to 7.

Boys' \$3.50 Wash Suits, \$2.68

A grouping of small lots in fine chambrays, ducks and reps, standard make. Sizes 3 to 8.

Boys' Blue Serge Winter Caps, \$1.00

With inside band to protect ears and neck; an unusual value.



M. J. MULVIHILL FUNERAL TO BE TOMORROW MORNING

Services Will Be Held at New Cathedral for Merchant Who Fell Dead in Store.

The funeral of Michael J. Mulvihill, 60 years old, of 5057 Washington boulevard, president of the Mulvihill Furniture Co., and former chairman of the Democratic City Committee, will be at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, with services at the New Cathedral and interment in Calvary Cemetery.

Mulvihill died suddenly in his store, 112 North Twelfth street, Wednesday afternoon, shortly after he had distributed Christmas bonuses to his employees.

He had been ill at his home for several days, but insisted on going to his store to make the bonus distribution. After doing this he left the store for a few minutes, but returned and complained of feeling weak. He collapsed and died before a physician arrived.

Surviving members of the family are Mulvihill's wife and their daughter, Mrs. Veronica Schwartz of Chicago.

Aguilar Returns to Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—Gen. Candido Aguilar will resume his office as Secretary of Foreign Relations on Jan. 2, it is stated on good authority here. Gen. Aguilar arrived in this city today after spending several months in Europe on a special mission.

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LADY'S CLOAK 13
Silk-lined Suit \$3.50. Flock Cloak
\$5. Girl's Cloak \$2.50. Skirt \$1,
Shoes \$1.25. Child's Cloak \$1.50.
Work Overcoat, \$2.50.

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**\$26,910 ADDITIONAL LIABILITIES
ACKNOWLEDGED BY "RICE KING"**

Additional claims against the estate of George Begley Jr., Poplar Bluff, bankrupt "Rice King," aggregating \$26,910, were acknowledged in an amended schedule of liabilities filed by Begley in the Federal Court here today. The original petition, filed Nov. 12, totaled liabilities at \$371,988.

Following the filing of the petition it was disclosed that Begley had obtained about \$250,000 on forged paper, more than half of which he got from St. Louis banks and individuals. Begley, as has been told, tried to end his life with poison when warrants charging forgery were issued against him.

The creditors and their claims in the amended petition are Mrs. Sarah M. Mast, Poplar Bluff, \$4000, secured by a chattel mortgage on mules and a real estate mortgage for \$850; Mrs. Effie M. Ruth, Poplar Bluff, Begley's mother-in-law, \$4500, secured by a deed of trust on

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E SHOULDERS per lb... 16c	
A CHOPS (Rib) per lb... 17 ¹ / ₂ c	
K KIDNEY ROAST per lb... 26c	
L LEGS Half or whole, per lb... 27 ¹ / ₂ c	
L LOAF Sliced, per lb... 23c	
B Boneless HAM Half or whole; per lb... 39c	
P HEARTS per lb... 10c	
I FEET per lb... 7 ¹ / ₂ c LIVER per lb... 6c	
K KIDNEYS per lb... 7c	
G Brains, 3 sets for 10c Snouts per lb... 12c	HEAD CHEESE , per pound... 16c
RIB LOIN PORK ROAST Cut from choice 6 to 8 lb. loins, per pound... 26 ¹ / ₂ c	

Fresh Cali. Pork SHOULDERs per lb., 20c

HAMS half or whole; 30c per lb.	ROAST Chuck, Arm 15c
J JOWLS 20c per lb.	Tender, Juicy per lb... 17c
Choice cuts 17c per lb.	

Craighead County (Ark.) land; State Bank of Fisk, Mo., \$500, secured by a chattel mortgage; W. H. Sweeney, Mineral Wells, Tex., \$7280, secured by a "pretended deed of trust on Butler County real estate"; Sarah M. Mast, \$5400, secured by "pretended deed" of Butler County real estate; Sam J. Shuster, Lancaster, Mo., two notes for \$500 each; State Bank of Fisk, note for \$1000; Effie M. Ruth, note for \$1080, and Anna Davis, note for \$50.

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BANANAS Delicious, extra choice, dozen 32c	Cranberries per lb. 10c
APPLES Home Beauty; 8c per lb.	ORANGES 17c size; sound, sweet, juicy; per dozen 35c
GRAPE-FRUIT 54 size, 9c each	POTATOES 21c size; sound, mealy cookers 30c
7 ¹ / ₂ c	10 lbs. 40c

FLOUR Country Club; finest milled; 24-lb. sack... 39c	GOLD MEDAL 5-lb. sack... 41c
SWANSDOWN CAKE FLOUR Not self-rising; 35c	MAMMA'S PANCAKE FLOUR Per pkg. 13c
	BUCKWHEAT FLOUR Or Jack Frost Buckwheat, per pkg. 15

DELICIOUS, NEW FRUITS New Country Club MINCEMEAT 12c	NEW, SEASONABLE FOODS RAISINS 19c
PEACHES AVONDALE 39c	PUMPKIN Sunmaid Seedless—Fine, fresh, new goods. Low price, 9c
	Blue package, 23c
PEACHES CLIFTON 29c	LOGANBERRIES SUNSWEET—Large 50-60 size Prunes. This kind sells for 35c elsewhere. Kroger's price, 23c
PINEAPPLE AVONDALE 29c	PEACHES EVAPORATED CHOICE MUL: fine California fruit; per pound... 29c
APRICOTS COUNTRY CLUB—PINEAPPLE, 1 can to a customer; No. 2 can 33c	CURRENTS COUNTRY CLUB—DELICIOUS, new, fresh currants. Large 7-oz. package... 17c
BEANS COUNTRY CLUB—DELICIOUS, new, fine quality; per bottle... 10c	FIGS FEZ PACKAGE FIGS; PKG. 9c
CHILI SAUCE COUNTRY CLUB—FINE QUALITY; per bottle... 15c	SPINACH A very healthful food; finest quality; no sand. 12c
PEAS COUNTRY CLUB—STANDARD PACK; NO. 2 CAN. 13c	CATSUP SNIIDER'S: large bot. 25c; COUNTRY CLUB—PER BOTTLE... 15c
VEGETABLES FOR SOUP 10c	CORN STANDARD PACK; NO. 2 CAN. AVONDALE COUNTRY GENTLEMEN'S: COUNTRY CLUB—FINEST, MAINE, NO. 2 CAN... 13c
BEANS COUNTRY CLUB, WITH PORK AND SAUCE; LARGE NO. 2 CAN. CAMPBELL'S BEANS, 12c HEINZ, PER CAN... 11c	LARD GOVERNMENT INSPECTED, FINEST RENDERED. LOW PRICE, 25c
CHILI SAUCE COUNTRY CLUB—STANDARD, 20c; SMALL SIZE BOTTLE... 20c	JIFFY JELL WITH PURE FRUIT, AS SORTED FLAVORS. KROGER'S PRICE IS VERY LOW. PKG. 10c
PEAS STANDARD PACK; NO. 2 CAN. AVONDALE—NO. 2 CAN... 16c COUNTRY CLUB—STANDARD; LARGE NO. 2 CAN FOR... 22c	GELATIN MINUTE—KROGER'S PRICE IS EXCEPTIONALLY LOW. PKG. 11c
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YOUTH PUTS ASIDE PLUMBER'S TOOLS FOR BRUSH OF ARTIST

Oswald Johnson, Who Served With Engineers, Attracts Attention During Vocational Training.

Oswald Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of 2610 Forest Park boulevard, has put aside the tools of a plumber for the brushes of an artist. When war with Germany was declared Johnson, then 18 years old, enlisted in the engineers, and was stationed at Camp Meade, Md., where hardening of the arteries put him in a hospital for three months, and incapacitated him for military duties. He was discharged from service last November and returned to St. Louis, where he at once made application to the Federal Board for Vocational Education to be enrolled for training in some line of work which his condition would permit.

Discovering that the young man possessed artistic ability, the board placed him in the St. Louis School of Fine Arts at Washington University. He has now been studying for two months, and intends to take a complete course covering two years or more. Some of his work has attracted the favorable attention of members of the Art School faculty. Johnson has devoted all of his attention to studies in crayon and charcoal thus far, but intends later to try oils. He has made several reproductions of drawings by noted authors, and these have been distributed among his friends.

While in the army Johnson drew sketches of camp life and of his fellow soldiers.

RED CROSS PROVIDES GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS IN HOSPITALS

Pencils, Cards and Handkerchiefs Given to Each of 750 Men in St. Louis Institutions.

The Red Cross distributed gifts and carried good cheer yesterday and Christmas eve to 750 convalescent soldiers at Jefferson Barracks, Barnes, Marine and the United States Public Health Service hospitals. Each of the men received a box containing a silver-jacketed lead pencil, a deck of playing cards, three handkerchiefs and Christmas "goodies."

Recruits and regulars at the barracks were entertained at open house at Red Cross headquarters. At day-break the nurses had gone through the wards of the wounded men singing Christmas carols. The Red Cross provided gifts for these army nurses also.

The Public Health Hospital, 415 Arsenal street, the gifts were distributed Wednesday evening and a dance was held from 1 to 10 p. m. yesterday.

FORMER GERMAN ALLIANCE SECRETARY IS BANKRUPT

George Withum Operated Saloon Where German Sympathizers Met Up to Our Entry in War.

George Withum, 2209 Locust street, former secretary of the German-American Alliance, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today. He listed his liabilities at \$322.76 and his assets at \$256.

Withum was in the saloon business at 415 Chestnut street, opposite the Courthouse, but closed the place in August, 1918, on account of "bad business." Previous to America's entry in the war the saloon was a favorite meeting place of German sympathizers. Withum's saloon sold pianos and talking machines.

The debts, with the exception of a note for \$150, were contracted in purchasing supplies for the saloon. The creditors are distillery concerns, breweries, cigar dealers and food supply houses. His scheduled assets include household furnishings valued at \$150, an attorney fee of \$100, which he paid to have his petition filed, and books valued by him at \$6.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MILLION POPULATION CLUB will meet at the American Hotel Annex, Monday evening, at 8 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. John Burke, director of the club, will speak. Sergeant Michael J. Ellis will be present.

MISCELLANEOUS

FRANK MARTIN, 71 YEARS OLD, a hotel employee, was found dead in the kitchen of his room at 2106 Locust street, where the doors and windows locked and two burners of a gas stove turned out 1 a. m. today. She was separated from her husband and lived with a daughter, Marion, and Miss Florence Raux at that address.

Miss Raux and William Hemming, 2615A Gravois avenue, returning from the theater, were unable to get into the home, and smelling gas, called a policeman, who broke in a kitchen window. The daughter was visiting relatives.

AN AUTOMOBILE DRIVEN BY LOUIS H. Hurlburt, a coal merchant, skidded and overturned in a ditch on Olive street at noon yesterday, but no one was hurt, the man riding with him was hurt.

MRS. CHARLES E. BASCOM of 32 Portion place left a diamond-studded wrist watch, valued at \$100, in a washroom at the Hotel Statler at 8 a. m. from a friend who was leaving town after a flight of basement stairs at the Singer home yesterday afternoon.

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ABOUT 300 CHILDREN OF ST. LOUIS CITY were guests at a Christmas tree party given by the St. Louis branch of the Girls' Club, 6200 Page avenue. There were about 300 children, and among the candies, fruits and nuts were distributed.

POLICE ITEMS

FRANK SACHS OF 616 McPherson avenue left his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. 2717 Kingsbury boulevard, to watch their home while they were away. Sachs had to telephone yesterday. Sachs stopped in the two men's room, when he returned the two men escaped. When he returned he found the room empty, and was given \$250 in clothing and Christmas presents were given.

Bomb Damages Official's House. PARIS, Dec. 26.—The residence of the chief of the Conservative party at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, was damaged by the explosion of a bomb yesterday, according to a Madrid dispatch. It is stated that a state of siege will be declared soon in the province of Catalonia, Spain.

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26, 1919.

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SIXTH AND ST. CHARLES

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Pre-Inventory Sale**Girls' Lace Shoes**

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\$3.25

TAN OR BLACK
SIZES 11 1/2 to 2 in black; sizes 13 to 1 1/2 in tan—a smart English lace model with black gunmetal and tan chain; every pair guaranteed to give real service.



Sizes 2 1/2 to 6; black, \$4.85; tan, \$5.85

Boys' Lace Shoes

\$4.50 Values

\$3.85

Mannish English lace Shoes of black gunmetal, with first quality oak leather soles. Sizes 1 to 5 1/2 at \$3.85; sizes 9 to 13 1/2 at \$2.35.



Two-Tone Tans at \$3.95 and \$4.85

Girls' \$2.50 Shoes

Sizes 5 to 9 1/2

\$1.50

Just 253 pairs of our regular \$2.50 grade in lace and button of black gunmetal with good sturdy soles, sizes 5 to 7 and 8 to 9 1/2, for a quick Monday clean-up at \$1.50.



For Little Tots—Sizes 5 to 11

Of rich shade of cherry tan lotus calf, in lace or button styles. Smooth inner-soles, no tacks, broad nature form-fitting last. \$3.50 values at **\$2.65**.

Tan Stitchdowns

\$2.65

For Little Tots—Sizes 5 to 11

Boys' High Cuts

\$5 Values

\$3.95

Of black or tan Chrome, leather uppers, with extra double oak leather bellows tongue; two buckles at top. Sizes 9 to 13 1/2 at \$3.25; sizes 1 to 5 1/2 at \$3.95.



For Little Tots—Sizes 2 to 8

All black vici button patterns, hand-turn leather soles—sizes 2 to 5 (no heels); sizes 3 to 8 (wedge heels). While 240 pairs last, at **98c**.

\$1.25 Vici Kid Shoes

98c

For Little Tots—Sizes 2 to 8

Men's 69c GLOVES

We Give Eagle Stamps

\$1.98 Veils,

\$1.39

The new Shetland-mesh

Silk Veils, with attractive

white silk borders

black, brown, tan and navy.



\$1.00 Head

Scarfs, 79c

25x38 inches, fine silk

and cotton, with hemstitched ends

black, white, pink and blue.

After-Xmas Reduction Sale
Women's Coats

All the newest styles, colors and materials in the lot; special reductions for Saturday at

\$10.00 **\$15.00** **\$19.75**

All-Wool Dresses

Women's all-wool

Dresses in the newest

styles, colors and materials;

special Saturday at

\$15.00

Girls' Coats

Big reductions on

girls' coats on newest

materials; special Saturday,

\$5.00 & \$9.98

**After-Xmas Shoe Sales****Boys' Shoe Bargain**

Boys' dual calf, lace English, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, at

\$3.45

Little Gents' Shoes

Dull calf leathers, in English lace

and Blucher styles; sizes 9 to 13 1/2, at

\$2.45

Girls' Shoe Bargain

Large variety of button, lace and button styles; sizes 9 to 13 1/2, at

\$2.48

Men's 69c GLOVES

Heavy, warm, fleece-lined Jersey Gloves; tan or brown; sizes 7 to 9, at

39c

\$7.00 Men's Gloves

Heavy brown real fur Gloves with warm suede linings; deep cuff; leather palms.

\$4.95

\$2.00 Kid Gloves

For women; black Imported Kid Gloves, with slight imperfections; sizes 9 to 13 1/2, at

\$1.25

Children's Mitts

With long wrist; knitted Children's Mitts; gray, red or black; pair...

10c

Black Jersey Gloves

Black Jersey Gloves; fleece-lined; at nearly half price; pair...

29c

Men's Corsets

From the best makers—built for fit, comfort and wear—special values—**\$2.00**

Men's Dress Shirts

With laundered cuffs; neat patterns; good quality; **\$2.50**

Men's Ribbed Union Suits

Splendid quality; well made; very attractive; each

\$2.00

Men's Cotton Sox

Double sole, heel and toe; assorted colors; 35c value; pair...

29c

Women's Silk Hose

Full fashioned of pure thread silk; with lace garter tops, high spiced heels and double soles and toes. Black, white and colored, pair \$1.69
Main Floor

SEE OUR OTHER ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 22.

FAMOUS-BARR CO.

We Give Eagle Stamps and Redeem Full Books for \$2 in Cash or \$2.50 in Merchandise—Few Restricted Articles Excepted.

Charge Purchases Made Remainder of Month Payable February 1st.

Store Hours: Saturday,
9 A. M. to 6 P. M.Now for the Second Day of the Great
After-Xmas Apparel Sale

In which hundreds of fashionable Suits, Dresses, Coats, Furs, Skirts, etc., are offered at the most drastic underpricing of the Winter season.

From the Costume Salon—

Dresses, Wraps, Suits

at $\frac{1}{2}$ Off Original Prices

A wonderful collection of stunning Dresses for evening, afternoon and street wear; also evening wraps and exquisite fur-trimmed Suits. Every garment is an exclusive model. On sale during this event at $\frac{1}{2}$ price.

\$35 to \$40 Dresses

\$23.00

Tailored and afternoon models of serge, tricotine, velour, jersey and velveteen, Georgette, charmeuse, crepe de chine and Georgette combinations.

\$23.00

For Serge, Satin, Tricotine, Meissane, Taffeta, Chameleons, Silverette, Silverette.

\$95 to \$125 COATS
\$79.50

Plush, Envie, Valour, Tinselone, Chameleons, Cord, Bolivia, Suede, Velour, Duratex and Silverette. Sizes 14 to 44.

\$27.50 to \$30 DRESSES
\$18.00

Or Serge, Satin, Tricotine, Meissane, Taffeta, Chameleons, embroidered and broidered. Sizes 14 to 44.

\$16.50 to \$22.50 SKIRTS
\$11.00

Velour, Serge, Wool Poplins, Satins, Charmeuse, Novelty Silks, Wool Plaids. Sizes to 30 waist.

Gowns & Frocks

Originally \$125 to \$200
\$79.50

Just a limited number, and only one of a kind. Stunning models for evening, dinner and street wear, fashioned of beautiful fabrics.

\$79.50 to \$85 COATS
\$55.50

30-inch models of plush, fur fabrics or leather. Longer Coats or Chameleons, cords, plumes, silverette, plumes, silverette, envie, velour and Bolivia, many fur-trimmed.

\$45 to \$55 SUITS
\$35.00

For street, business and sports wear of serges, poplins, silk faille, and wool plaid. Sizes to 30 waist.

\$59.75 to \$85 SUITS
\$44

Tailored, flare and dressy models of Velour, Serge, Bluetone, Tricotine, with plain and fancy linings. Sizes 14 to 46.

\$39.75 to \$45 Coats
\$29.00

Plain or fur-trimmed, belted and flare models of velour, silverette, tinselone, frost-glow, broadcloth and Normandy.

The After-Xmas Apparel Sale Features

Girls' Winter Coats

Regular \$15.00 Values, at \$7.95

These warm, serviceable, tailored Coats are fashionably made of corduroy, cheviot and zibeline, in loose back and belted models, with large self collars and pockets. Colors include green, brown, red and navy. Sizes 6 to 10 years.

Girls' \$19.75 Novelty Dresses at \$10.95

Choice of oddments of stock in serge and jersey, in smart models; some embroidered, others button-trimmed or with braid and silk collars and cuffs. Choice of navy, brown and tan. Sizes 6 to 16.

Girls' \$5 Serge Skirts, sizes 6 to 14, at \$2.95

Women's and Misses' \$2.95 Smocks \$1.95

Girls' \$1.95 Gingham and Linene Dresses, sizes 6 to 12 \$1.25

Third Floor

The Artistry of Great Pianists Is Yours in the
Franklin Marque Ampico

For It Reproduces Their Playing Exactly and It Is Very Moderately Priced at

\$850

The Ampico is perfection in musical reproduction. There is nothing mechanical or monotonous about it. It plays the records that world-renowned pianists have made, with all the finesse and delicacy, with all the power and expressiveness that the artist's talent and years of practice have accorded to him.

The Marque Ampico is self-regulated; there are no buttons or levers to bother with; all you have to do is to supply the footpower.

A demonstration of the Ampico will give you a better idea of what it can do than can pages of words.

Convenient Terms of Payment Extending Over Two Years Can Be Arranged.

Sixth Floor



The Misses' Style Shop

Presents Newly Arrived Chic Afternoon and Evening Frocks at \$24.50 to \$290.

A charming collection of the latest vogue in apparel is assembled for the miss home for the holidays. She will find every authentic trend of the midwinter and early Spring fashions arranged in this special section most conveniently for her choosing. Simple dance and dinner Frocks and Gowns suitable for the most formal occasions are equally well represented, as well as evening wraps of unusual elegance.

Advance Showing of New Spring Frocks, \$25 to \$75

Of Georgette, satin and combinations; also taffeta, which promises to be most popular this coming Spring. Charming new colors and youthful models.

Third Floor

Silk Envelope Chemises

Special Saturday at \$2.50

Trimmed with lace and hand embroidery. Others are plain tailored with strap effect.

Crepe de Chine Camisoles, Special, \$1.50
Made of crepe de chine and washable satin and trimmed with lace or Georgette crepe. Built up and strap styles.

Third Floor

The After-Xmas Sale Also Specially Features
Children's Winter Coats

\$8.95 to \$12.95 Values \$6.95

Cutest little Coats imaginable — fashionably made, of chinchilla, velour and novelty cloths, in all desired colors. Warmly lined and interlined in smart belted and tailored models. Sizes 1 to 6 years.

\$13.95 to \$18.95 Coats, \$9.95

Made of broadcloth, velvet, velour, chinchilla and pompon. All well lined and interlined, and some with fur collars. In Empire, belted and tailored styles. Sizes 1 to 6 years.

\$21.95 to \$39.95 Coats at \$15.95

Of velvet, broadcloth, silverette, chinchilla and other fabrics. Tailored and fancy Empire models, with smockings, novelty belts and pockets. Sizes 1 to 6 years.

Third Floor



A Suggestion

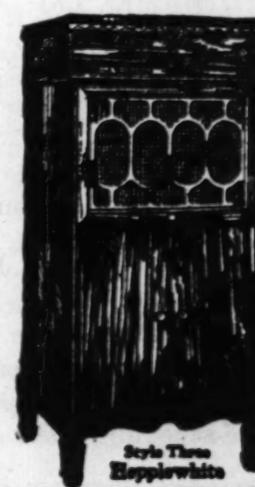
Use Your Christmas Gift Money to Make the First Payment on

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It is a simple matter to own one of these wonderful instruments—especially if it has been your good fortune to receive a Christmas gift of money. When the Cheney becomes a part of your household, enjoyment reigns supreme.

The Cheney plays all records—plays them with a sweetness and richness made possible by a series of remarkable inventions which have revolutionized the tone reproduction. Needle scratch is virtually eliminated. And, greatest of all, the Cheney, like a violin, improves with age—"The Longer You Play It, the Sweeter It Grows."

Regular models are priced from \$35 to \$365
Console Art models from \$325 to \$600
Métrotone Sales—Sixth Floor



BALL TO BE GIVEN FOR MISS FRANCES WOODS

About 300 Guests Will Attend Function at Woman's Club Tomorrow Night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parkham Woods of 5291 Lindell boulevard will give a ball at the Woman's Club tomorrow evening to present their second daughter, Miss Frances Woods, to society. The debutantes will wear a gown of pink chiffon velvet and will carry roses. Mrs. Woods' gown will be of green chiffon. The guests will number about 300.

Another debutante affair to take place tomorrow is the dinner party which Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClure Clark, 15, Hortense, Grace will give at the Country Club in compliment of the season's buds and their escorts. Misses Nancy and Dorothy Walker, Frances Garrison, Mary Plant, Elizabeth and Isabel Mauran, Ruth Lamberger, Anne Block, Lucy Ludington, Olivia Harbaugh, Ade Johnson, Eunice and Betty Hodgdon, Dorothy Pilot, Elizabeth Smith, Florence Lambert, Juliette Reyburn, Carter Mulliken, Elizabeth Benoit and Muriel Clement will be the honor guests. Pink roses will be used for table decorations.

Social Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace D. Simmons of 46 Westmoreland place will entertain this afternoon with tea and cake at the St. Louis Country Club in honor of their daughter, Miss Eleanor Simmons, who is home from school for the holidays. About 300 guests have been invited. They will include the junior and college set and a few of the debutantes. Mrs. Simmons will be in pearl gray satin and her daughter will wear a frock of black chiffon velvet with a sash of turquoise blue satin and a coverage of orchids. The hours will be from 3 to 7 o'clock. Miss Simmons will depart in February for Westover School for Girls.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Sarah Louise Falconer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Falconer of New York, to Theron F. Pierce, son of Mrs. Henry Clay Pierce of New York, formerly of St. Louis. The wedding will take place at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York on Jan. 3.

Mrs. Clement Ross Duncan Meier of Kent road, St. Louis County, entertained today with an informal buffet luncheon for her brother, Thomas K. Niedringhaus Jr., who is home from Yale to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blumenstock of 5507 Waterman avenue have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mabel Blumenstock, to F. Raymond Marks, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Marks of Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Blumenstock will receive informally in honor of the young couple on New Year's day from 3 to 6 o'clock. No date for the wedding has been set.

Miss Doris O'Neill of 51 Kingsbury place will have a tea and luncheon in compliment to Miss Elizabeth Parker and her guest, Miss Isabel Scott, and Miss Margaret Turner and her guest, Miss Lucy Hobbitelle. The other guests included Misses Eta Randolph, Mary Scudder Bond, Mary Scott, Lucille Howard, Elizabeth Bemis, Pamela Harrison, Elizabeth Cook, Irene Goddard, Helen Mills and Rebecca Chase.

Mr. Frank O. Watts, 5899 Lindell boulevard, will give a tea dance tomorrow afternoon in honor of his son, Frank Watts Jr., who is home from Lawrenceville for the Christmas holidays, and for Miss Lucy Ludington, one of the season's debutantes.

Owing to the illness of Miss Audrey Faust the invitations have been recalled for the dance which had been given this evening in her honor by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Faust at 1 Portland place.

Mrs. Martha Watting is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur John Watting, at 450 East Lockwood avenue, Webster Groves.

The B'Nai B'rith Young People's Aid Society will give a dance on Sunday evening at Trimp's hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duke Thompson of 5045 Lindell boulevard will give a dance for the junior set tomorrow evening. Their daughter, Miss Mabel Thompson, Miss Jane McElroy and Elizabeth Robert will receive with them.

**PRINCETON TRIANGLE CLUB
Pleases Odeon Audience**

Presents Comic Opera With a Plot About a Bomb and a Mythical Island Setting.

The Princeton-made and Princeton-played comic opera, "The Isle of Surprise," which was seen by a

WATERBUGS

The nastiest species of the cockroach family, and other cockroaches cleaned out with

**GET COCKROACH POWDER
MADE AND SOLD BY**

W. D. HUSSUNG

1129 Pine Street. Both Phases. Contracts taken to clean out Cockroaches, Bed Bugs, Rats and Mice.

DEBUTANTE WHO WILL BE PRESENTED AT BALL



Miss Frances Woods

bordaines, prancing bears such designations as Citrate of Magnesia. King George the Ninth appears as the visiting sovereign of the British Empire, and a trio of moral censors sing:

We keep the people pure, we keep the people healthy
No matter if they're poor, or middle
class or wealthy.
We catch them when they're born,
we match them when they're mated;

Until from life they're torn, we keep them regulated.

The plot is about a bomb, which is both a contact and a time affair, and which conspirators and counter-conspirators successively place under the chairs to be occupied by the King, the Queen and other personages. The bomb, set to explode at noon, is found in the pocket of an American tourist on the stroke of 12, and is tossed about hysterically, until the Murad remembers that a daylight

saving law has just gone into effect, so that the bomb will not go off for another hour.

Russell Forgan, as the American, Percival Cowan in a comedy role, Walter Folmer as Namonia, daughter of the Murad; Charles Schubert as a Bolshevik, and Edward Wey as King George, were the best of a well-selected cast. The feminine parts were played as straight burlesque. "God Save the King" was perhaps the best among a number of excellent songs.

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SIXTH AND ST. CHARLES

Open Sat.
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Now for a Busy Saturday in the Pre-Inventory Sale

These "Specials" Will Undoubtedly Attract Every Thrifty Shopper

Wool Velour Dresses

Also Fashionable Models of Serge, Tricotine, Satin and Georgette

\$25

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567 beautiful dresses—the most effective styles created this season, and a grade of material and workmanship strictly in keeping with the excellence of the fashions. Come early for best choice.

To \$30 DRESS Values \$14.50
Velveteens, Serges, Tricotines,
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Not many of them, but what wonderful bargains they will prove to those who shop early.

COATS! COATEES! \$24
That Should Be Priced to \$40

Of silver-tone, wool velour, pompon and plush—both fur trimmed and smartly plain tailored.

WAISTS Of Georgette and crepe de chine—odds and ends—originally \$3.90
priced up to \$7.50.

UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

Director General of Railroads

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD

Effective 12:01 am, Sunday, December 28th, important changes in time and additions to train service in Southern district will be inaugurated. The following table gives condensed information:

SOUTHBOUND—Read Down

No. 1 Daily Sunshine Special	No. 5 Daily	No. 17 Daily	No. 3 Daily
6:45 pm	8:30 pm	8:45 pm	9:05 am
11:08 pm	1:18 am	1:40 am	2:03 pm
3:55 am	7:05 am	7:30 am	7:25 pm
		10:00 am	9:50 pm
7:45 am	11:50 am	11:50 pm	
2:00 pm	7:30 pm	8:30 pm	
2:55 pm	8:50 pm	10:10 am	
6:50 pm	6:00 am	3:00 pm	
9:05 pm		Ar. Houston	11:00 am
10:20 pm	7:00 am	Ar. Galveston	8:45 am

Trains 1 and 2 (Sunshine Special) standard sleepers and coach equipment between St. Louis and Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston and Galveston, Texas.

Trains 5 and 6, standard sleepers and coach equipment between St. Louis and Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Laredo, Texas, also between St. Louis and Shreveport, Louisiana.

Trains 3 and 4 standard sleepers and coach equipment between St. Louis and Fort Worth and connections for Houston, San Antonio and Laredo.

Trains 17 and 18 standard sleepers and coach equipment between St. Louis, Little Rock and Hot Springs.

Train No. 8 standard sleeper and coach equipment Hot Springs and Little Rock to St. Louis.

For full particulars as to schedules and consist of trains, consult Time Tables which can be had on application to Ticket Agents.

NORTHBOUND—Read Up

No. 2 Daily Sunshine Special	No. 6 Daily	No. 18 Daily	No. 4 Daily	No. 8 Daily	No. 32 Daily
Lv. St. Louis Ar.	7:57 am	7:47 am	8:02 pm	10:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Poplar Bluff . . . Lv.	6:48 am	2:30 am	1:50 pm	2:38 pm	5:33 pm
Ar. Little Rock . . . Lv.	2:20 pm	9:20 pm	7:50 pm	9:10 am	12:35 pm
Ar. Hot Springs . . . Lv.			5:30 pm	6:45 am	10:30 am
Ar. Texarkana . . . Lv.	10:30 pm	4:50 pm	4:40 pm		
Ar. Dallas . . . Lv.	4:15 pm	7:45 am	8:15 pm		
Ar. Ft. Worth . . . Lv.	3:20 pm	6:00 am	7:00 pm		
Ar. Houston . . . Lv.	11:00 am		2:50 pm		
Ar. Galveston . . . Lv.	8:45 am				
Ar. San Antonio . . . Lv.	7:50 am	9:30 pm	9:00 am		

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St. Louis Brewing Co., 701

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Employees Frankin Bakery, 1205

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Alma and Evelyn Wiese, 1609A

Employees Louis Fedder, 830 N.

Fourth st., 1

Employees Mrs. Feltar, 701

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F. W. Bailey & Co., 317 N.

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Kitchen, 102 N. Franklin

Employees W. C. Morris, 405 Canfield

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JANITOR—White, married man, experienced in general cleaning, references required for doing work of this kind. \$20 per week, with board and room free. Call Samson Building, 111 Franklin.

JOHN FIREMAN—Experienced. Hydraulic Press. \$100 per week. Call 111 Franklin.

KITCHEN BOY—Colored; good wages. Share (c)

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LABORERS—For cold storage warehouse: \$10 per week. Apply to Alice L. Lewis, 10th and West, 10th and Lindell. (c)

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LABORERS and Bricklayers—Men. Laclede Christy, 2000 Manchester. (c)

LABORERS—And brick yard men. LACELDE CHRISTY, 4600 King's highway, south, take Southampton car. (c)

LATHE HAND—Experienced; for general machine shop; steady position to a good man. Apply 1020 N. 5th. (c)

LAUNDRY HELP

Marker and wash woman, thoroughly experienced; will pay high salaries to right party. Apply: MOORE'S LAUNDRY, 10th and St. Louis, 10th and Lindell. (c)

LUNCH MAN—Experienced; must know how to carve. Krumm's Buffet, 824 Pine. (c)

TRIMMIST—First-class all-round. 2720 N. 5th. (c)

MACHINISTS—Allround; no other need apply. Apply: Jack Engle and Mfg. Co., 211 Chestnut. (c)

MACHINISTS—Now is your opportunity to make a good living. Many young men growing who appreciate All round machining in answering, give experience and references. Apply: 217 St. Clair. (c)

WATCHMAN—Licensed; day work. Apply: Metal Truck Corp., 2000 N. 20th. (c)

WATER COOLER—Trimmer man. Call 111 Laundry, 400 Olive. (c)

WATCHMAN—Night; references required. Apply: 3227 Elmwood, 16th. (c)

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WORKING MACHINE HAND—All-round; also first-class cabinetmakers. 1700 (c)

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Your Gillette Razor

Put in Good Order Free of Charge.
A Gillette Service Expert will be at this store to inspect and repair Gillette Safety Razors. The service is free—avail yourself of it.

Basement Gallery

See Our Additional Announcement on Page 17.

FAMOUS-BARR CO.

We Give Eagle Stamps and Redeem Full Books for \$2 in Cash or \$2.50 in Merchandise—Few Restricted Articles Excepted.

Charge Purchases Made Remainder of Month Payable February 1st.

Store Hours: Saturday,
9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Of Utmost Importance to Men and Young Men Is Our

After-Xmas Apparel Sale

—Which Began Today and Offers This Season's Choicest \$45, \$50 and \$55 Suits or Overcoats for

\$39

A sale that affords an opportunity ideal to invest your Christmas gift of money or Christmas bonus in clothes of trustworthiness. A sale that will again strongly proclaim our prestige and leadership as St. Louis' Foremost Clothes Store, coming just when it can best serve and offering choice of 4000 Winter Suits and Overcoats of the highest quality type. They're the productions of several of America's most eminent clothes builders—every garment possessing that element of quality, style correctness and tailoring that lifts it out of the commonplace—at the price appended they are values truly extraordinary. If you have a clothes need, invest now and pocket a most substantial saving.

The Overcoats

Handsome Coats, made of all the new fabrics. Included are Ulsters, Ulsterettes, belted and half belted Coats, single and double breasted, form-fitting Coats and conservative Chesterfield models.

The Suits

Splendidly tailored, of fancy fabrics of all kinds, as well as plain blue and black worsteds and plain green, blue and brown flannels. Styles for men and young men, including single and double breasted models, with or without belts, as well as conservative styles. Many are silk lined.

Second Floor

Sale of Boys' Clothes



Offering Choice of \$15, \$16.50 and \$18.00 Suits, Overcoats and Mackinaws for

\$11

Boys' clothes of splendid quality; that's what makes them such good values at \$11. There are any number of styles to select from—snappy, up-to-the-minute styles, too, the kind that live boys want. This sale should be helpful to mothers who want their boys to have good, serviceable clothes, but are not unmindful of a chance to economize.

The Suits

Well-tailored of cassimeres and cheviots, in the detachable belt style, with slash pockets. Shown in gray, tan, brown and mixtures. Knickers fully lined. Sizes from 8 to 17 years.

The Mackinaws

Double-breasted models, with belt or shawl collar, belt all around, or half-belt, patch pockets. Made of wool fabrics in plaids and stripes, in blue, green, tan and red combinations. Sizes 8 to 18 years.

The Overcoats

Double-breasted belt-all-around styles, that have slash pockets and that button snugly up to the neck. For little boys. They are made of chinchilla and fancy overcoats, in tan, gray, brown and blue. Fancy body linings. Sizes 2½ to 8 years.



Metropolitan Hats Are Good Hats

at \$4

The Metropolitan Hats are made exclusively for us in St. Louis and, compared to the usual Hat at \$4, they're out of the ordinary. Derbys in black and brown; Soft Hats—10 styles—in green, gray, pearl, brown and black.

Boys' Shoes; solidly made, of tan or gunmetal, on English and wide-toe lasts. Pair, \$5.

Men's Shoes

A Good-Looking Model \$10

A straight lace Shoe, made of tan, mahogany and black kid; also of gunmetal, on the new English or wide toe lasts. A shoe of style and quality, but with the idea of comfort not overlooked.

Boys' Shoes; solidly made, of tan or gunmetal, on English and wide-toe lasts. Pair, \$5.

Second Floor

Men's Silk Ties

\$2.50 Value—\$1.95 Saturday.....



A limited number of handsome silk Four-in-Hands, in rich, striking designs and colorings. Faultlessly made, each one with slip-easy neckband.

Men's 85c Ties, 65c

Four-in-Hand Ties, made of striped satins and brocaded and figured silks in a wealth of handsome colors.

Men's Shirts, \$1.85

Good-looking Shirts of corded madras and French Percales, in gentle striped and figured effects. Sizes 14 to 17.

Main Floor

Of Interest to Autoists

—The Following Assortments of Specially Priced Auto Accessories

Havoline Oil, 5-gallon can; light, \$3.23; medium, \$3.33
Norwesco "Twelve-Twenty," prevents frozen radiators and protects to 20 degrees below zero; 3-gallon can, \$3.50 value, \$1.35
Hannum's Radiator Compound; prevents rust and repairs leaks; \$1 val. 73c
Blue Flame Spark Plugs, ½-inch, \$2.45
Web Jay Automatic Suction Primers, \$6 value, \$2.45
Cellular Type Ford Radiators, for '17, '18 and '19 model Fords; extra value at \$20.75

Bid-O-Skid Tire Chains

30x3½, per pair, \$2.95
32x3½, per pair, \$2.95
31x, per pair, \$3.10
36x4½, per pair, \$3.90

33x4, per pair, \$3.30
34x4, per pair, \$3.45
35x4½, per pair, \$3.75

30x3½, non-skid, \$13.50
32x3½, plain, \$11.95
33x4, non-skid, \$19.50
35x4½, plain, \$21.50

Second Floor

After-Christmas Sale of Men's Trousers

2000 Pairs, Splendid Values at \$7

Every man can make good use of an extra pair or two of Trousers. These are plain or cuff bottom styles, made of serge, flannel, cheviot, cassimere and fancy worsteds; custom tailored. They will fit well and give long and satisfactory service.

Second Floor



Very Special Value at.....

\$24.75

A clothes-buying opportunity that should commend itself to every man or young man who is or expects to be in need of a new Suit.

Blue serge is one of the most staple materials for Suits—it looks neat for a long time and it wears splendidly. These Suits are well tailored in conservative effects; also a few in the waistline style. Sizes 33 to 42 chest measure.

Basement Economy Store

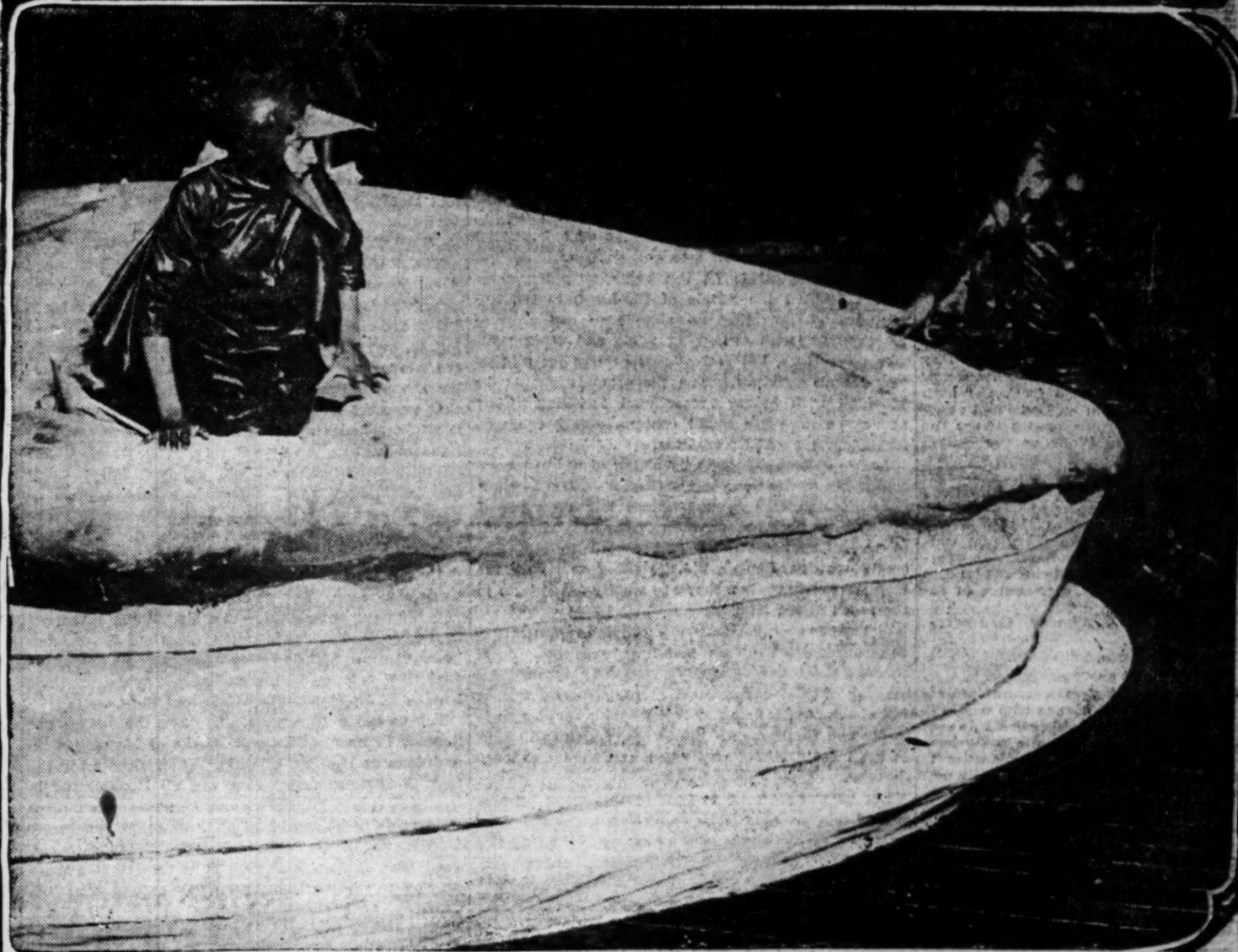
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ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

DAILY MAGAZINE

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1919.

Scenes at the Coliseum When 10,000 Little Guests Were Entertained Christmas Day by Post-Dispatch Readers



At top of page, photograph of line of children at one of the entrances waiting for the big feast and distribution of gifts. Second row, on left, mothers bring the babies for their first Christmas. Right, "Four and twenty blackbirds," given by playgrounds children.

Bottom row, left, distribution of gifts; right, just a few of the 10,000 kiddies when they started to blow their horns.

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I know that my retirement will make no difference in its cardinal principles, that it will always fight for progress and reform, never tolerate indecency or corruption, always fight corruption in all parties, never belong to any party, always oppose privileged classes and public plunderers, never lack sympathy with the poor, always remain devoted to the public welfare, never be satisfied with merely printing news, always be drastically independent; never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty.

JOSEPH PULITZER
April 10, 1907.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Lower Fare Elsewhere.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
In an effort to gather information pertaining to the street railway question of St. Louis, I have been able to gather the following data:

The street railway charges in Cleveland, O., are 5 cents cash, or six tickets for a quarter. Transfers cost an extra penny.

In Cincinnati there is in operation a sliding scale, which is under control of the city and fares range from 5 to 7 cents. At the present time it is 7 cents. The city governs the fare by the amount of earnings and every six months examines the books and the fare is increased or decreased accordingly.

In New York City the fare on all cars, elevated, surface and subway, is 5 cents, and from all parts of New York and Brooklyn. No commutation. Transfer system is universal in New York City, no extra charge, but in Brooklyn there is a charge of 2 cents for transfers, excepting three or four transfer points. Elevated and subway cars also use the universal transfer system. The transfers have been making a fight for an 8-cent fare, but as yet they have not succeeded.

In Chicago the fare on surface lines is 7 cents cash and 6 cents commutation, in books of 50, with a universal transfer system. Fare on the elevated is 8 cents cash or commutation tickets. How much the latter are I do not know. Universal transfer system is elevated in any direction.

The announcement recently by City Counselor Charles H. Dauas that a new effort to obtain release from the high street railway fare in St. Louis, and the street railway fare in St. Louis, between the city and Rockwell Wells of the United Railways Company will be made within a few days, is welcomed with considerable interest by St. Louisans, who hope that something will come of this.

I wonder how it is that transportation companies in cities like Cleveland, Chicago, New York and Cincinnati can operate for less fare than is being charged in St. Louis, where a cheaper source of energy is available?

CHARLES W. L. JOST.

Keep the Skip-Stop.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
I have noticed several communications in your paper from parties who desire to have this skip-stop abolished. I cannot see how anyone can advocate going back to the old system as formerly done in order to accommodate some people who I should infer are too lazy to walk an extra block and spend at least from 5 to 8 minutes more on the car getting to their place of business. In Chicago the skip-stop is still in force and it is characteristic that the Chicago people like to save time and it will not hurt St. Louisans to do the same.

UNITED CAR LINE PATRON.

Trifling With the Courts.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
I see that Judge Mix told a certain rich St. Louisan that "men of his type cannot trifling with the courts." That sounds good enough and should be a steady order for everybody; but I am sorry to say that I found out that the majority of men who trifling with the courts (I have the lowest and police courts in my mind) are not "gentlemen" only, but that the majority of them are professional politicians and well known. They are trifling with the court, in my opinion, as they look to it—that the man who is able to put up the money shall get away easily—to say the least. Now, while the honorable Judge is well started, he might as well begin to rid the court of the aforesaid pests.

END OF THE SKIP STOPS.

The skip-stop plan, introduced as a conservation measure during the coal strike, will be discontinued at the end of the year, it is announced by the Public Service Commission. The United Railways Co., it is understood, will make no effort to procure an extension.

It has been claimed, however, that this plan, besides saving coal, would improve the service when certain arrangements which the company has had under consideration were put into effect. If that is true it is hard to understand why the company should let the plan die without making an effort to save it. Economy of operation and improvement in service of our street railway system are vital necessities in which the public is keenly interested. If the management of the United Railways can offer anything in the way of economy or improvement it ought to do it.

That the skip-stop plan, so far as tried, has failed to expedite service noticeably is undeniable. Yet it must also be conceded that the period of experiment has been abnormal because of the extraordinary holiday traffic. It will be admitted, too, we believe, that some of the old stops might be eliminated to the general advantage and without serious inconvenience to anyone. If such stops are not to be restored now is the time for the United Railways to speak.

A PERIL COMMON TO RUSSIA AND AMERICA.

Of 400,000 negroes in the emergency army, only about one-half, or 242,000, were classified as literate. The other half were almost equally divided among the totally illiterate and the relatively illiterate.

The figures on white members of the army are shocking enough. Only 77.2 per cent were classified as literate and of the remainder 5.5 per cent were wholly illiterate and 16 per cent relatively illiterate.

But some part of the 198,000 whites who were wholly illiterate and the 577,000 who were relatively illiterate was made up of young men of immigrant families, not long resident in the country. The negroes, however, have been resident among us for generations. It is evident that they have been denied a just share in the provision made to insure good citizenship.

Marshal French's Record.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

An evening St. Louis paper says, among other things, that Field Marshal French's skilful handling of the retreat through Flanders delayed the German arrival to such an extent that the great victory of Joffre at the battle of the Marne was insured.

This is indeed true, as Joffre himself, in his official report of the battle, states that he could not make a stand until he reached the Marne, because the British on his flank retreated so fast that it was impossible to do so.

Marshal French was so efficient that his Britannic Majesty was forced soon after to relieve him of his command and appoint a regular soldier in his place.

When after the war, Marshal French attempted to defend himself by shifting the blame to Aquitaine, that gentleman arose in the House of Commons and literally took the hide off of him.

J. E. IRELAND.

A PLAYGROUND DEMONSTRATION.

A feature of special interest in the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival at the Coliseum yesterday was the work of the children of the playgrounds in the entertainment. Not only did the children contribute to one of the most successful Festivals in the record of 20 years, but they gave a splendid demonstration of the value of the city's recreational centers in the wholesome development of the children of the congested districts.

Under the direction of the heads of the recreational branch of the Park Department, the playground children gave a wonderful show for the benefit of their brothers and sisters who were the guests of the Festival. It was an entirely new entertainment and with the exception of Park Commissioner Cuniff and his assistant, Mr. Abekeen, the supervisors and a few leading actors in the older characters, all the features of the show were given by the children, who were also participants in the hospitality and the gifts provided by the Festival Committee, through the liberality of the people of St. Louis.

The Mother Goose characters were well taken, the dancing was graceful and pleasing, the circus stunts were admirably done, the tumbling and other antics of the clowns were on a page with professional work. The children entered into the work with zest and intelligence, performing every evolution in groups with trained precision.

VALLEY MEN AND VALLEY OPPORTUNITY.

Speaking on "The Man in the Mississippi Valley," President Lynn H. Hough of Northwestern University told a St. Louis audience that the gentlemen to whom he had reference in his subject must abandon provincial viewpoints and think more in world terms.

Provincialism and cosmopolitanism are a matter of mental attitude. Nowhere else are found in the interior of a continent inhabitants as cosmopolitan as those of this valley, just as America as a whole is the most cosmopolitan of countries. Migrants of all races have come to live among us. We have come to know their characteristics, their manner of living, their way of thinking. Contact with them has acquainted us with the countries of their origin, their national heroes, the main events in their national history.

The average man of the Mississippi Valley is far less provincial than the average man in New York and the other large cities of the East. Still, in matters relating to foreign trade and our foreign relations generally, the Mississippi Valley is too much inclined to accept the leadership of those very cities in the East, a tendency President Hough combats.

The valley has its own seaport, its own waterway system, its own railroad lines. It is becoming well organized commercially and industrially. Its varied products make up a very large percentage of the commodities we exchange with other nations. It should take into its own hands the control of these enormous exchanges from which others profit greatly. It should acknowledge the leadership of no other section in either foreign or domestic trade.

It is also one of the great consuming areas of the globe. From its own plenitude of raw material it should manufacture more of the finished products for which it forms one of the most lucrative markets.

Santa Claus is now able to report authoritatively that the United States is pretty nearly a 100-per-cent silic stocking country.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM CONTEST.

The Republican National Committee has adopted a suggestion to offer prizes for the best platforms submitted before March 31, 1920. The capital prize is \$6000, and since the thesis, monograph, ode, ballad or legend, as the case may be, is limited to 6000 words, the winner will have been paid at the rate of a dollar a word. Parenthetically, it might be remarked that the national committee superstitious at all it might shudder somewhat at the ominous annotations of that dollar-a-word rate. But we shall not pause to dwell further on "old, unhappy, far-off times and battle long ago." There is a second prize of \$3000 and a third of \$1000. Anyone under 25 years of age is eligible to compete.

Such are the announced terms and conditions of the contest. Presumably ardent pencils are already being sharpened. But we should like to offer a bit of advice to the contestants—to wait till the personnel of the board of judges is announced. Until the authors know who are going to pass upon their immortal essays they may be laying a deadly barrage on their friends while supposedly wiping out the enemy.

Let us make this plain. Suppose the judges are Senator Penrose, ex-Senator Weeks of Massachusetts and Senator Harding of Ohio. Their fitness for the task is unquestioned. They are all Republicans in excellent standing. Or let us suppose the committee on awards to be composed of three other Senators—La Follette, Hiram Johnson and Miles Polk Dexter, all good Republicans, too. Now it is clear that a manuscript which would be approved by the first triumvirate as a classic would be ripped into shreds by the second trio as doddering and decrepit senility.

Similarly, the wild bunch of remedies, tied with a fairly red ribbon, that would be manna to La Follette, Johnson and Polk Dexter, would send Penrose, Weeks and Harding to the telephone shrieking for police protection.

JUST A MINUTE

With the Wits, Poets and Philosophers.



LEFT ON THE TREE.

CHRISTMAS JOYS.

M. R. GOOD-FOLKS, I'm thankful.
For this Christmas, don't you see,
'Cause I'm going to see old Santa
If I can't be the big, big tree.

Mamma said as I was crippled
You would send Old Santa here;
So I'm hurrying to be ready
For I must see him this year.

If it wasn't for you people
All we little girls and boys
Wouldn't get a bit of candy,
Any nuts nor pretty toys.

All I want is one big dolly,
Johnnie wants a big red ball—
And a drum and pistol,
But he needn't have them all.

We will get our stockings ready,
Mine will hang above my head—
Johnnie, too, will have his ready,
Hanging on the trundle bed.

So tell Santa, please, to hurry
With the good things that he brings,
But if anything should happen—
Tell him, please, to send the things.

MINA WAMPLER.

ORIGIN OF 'HELLO.'

You should try to learn the old wolf hunter's call, because you know the wolf is a scoundrel, and that should be the scoundall.

This call was used in France first and afterwards in England, but there are no wolves in England now, and the bugle call has been forgotten in both countries, therefore we "paint it green and call it our own." Even though William Tell and Robin Hood bugled the same call, Americans were dimissive, and can make it American the same as we have made the old French wolf hunter's cry American. French was spoken in English court circles, so the titled wolf hunters used the French cry of *la lou la lou a lou lou*, lou being pronounced *loo*, the cry being a *la loo*; the English put on the *H* and made it *halloo*, and we make it *hell-o*, which is an American expression, as all the telephone girls know.

It is a nice problem, this literary contest which the Republican National Committee is going to conduct, but the chasm between the extreme right and extreme left of the Grand Old Party is too broad for any amateur platform fabricator to span. Indeed, so practiced a harmonizer as Chairman Hays of the national committee is having a difficult time keeping the mediocrities of the standpatters and the hallucinations of the visionaries under the capacious party emblem. The contenders for those prizes should demand the identity of the judges in order that they may know, as they point with pride and view with alarm, whether to look down the elm-arched road to a drowsy yesterday or up the whirling speedway to a millennial tomorrow.

UNIVERSAL GOSSIP.

IT'S A MADHOUSE, THEY SAY
ILL TELL THE UNIVERSE IT IS.

I HEAR IT CRAZY
HE ACTS SO
HE LOOKS ALL UPSET TO ME

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Out of the West Comes the Hint Harvard May Get the Oregon Boot Out on the Coast

Millers Beat Scullins, 2-1, and Will Represent City in U. S. F. A. Cup Tie Contests

Ratican's Eleven Goes Into Fourth Round When Tate Brady's Team Plays Great Defensive Game, but Is Unable to Blend Scoring Ability With Speed.

The Ben Millers, rated as the best soccer eleven that has been put together in this city in several campaigns, will represent St. Louis in the intercity competition for the United States Football Association cup championship. The Millers gained this right yesterday when they defeated the Scullins, 2-1. In the preliminary the Screw Company downed the Innisfalls, 1-0. A crowd of about 3000 persons witnessed the games.

Pete Ratican's men went into the fourth round of the cup series, because they could shoot goals at the right time. This was not true of the Scullins, however. Tate Brady has the fastest aggression in the St. Louis League, but lacks goal scorers among the forwards.

At the start of the contest it looked as though the Millers would overwhelm their opponents. In less than two minutes they had forced corner kick. Pete, however, did not play the ball and the ball curved behind the uprights. After a few more scrimmages in front of the goal, which were broken up by Tate Brady and Al Oberle, the tide of battles turned.

Following a clearing by the Scullins, the forwards gained possession of the ball. After carrying a hit, Alie Schwarz found himself covered and passed to "Bull" Brannigan, playing outside right. Brannigan carried the sphere to within 10 yards of the net and then passed to Emmett Mulvey, who hanged the ball past King a mile a minute, for the first score of the game.

Scullins Show Defense.

Following the kickoff, the Millers started rushing matters in an attempt to balance the score. But they could not get together. They got to within scoring distance, and then began to play wild. Then it must be said that the Scullins kept their man completely covered. No tighter defense was ever shown against an eleven in this city.

But the efforts of the Millers were not destined to be fruitless. After forcing five successive corner kicks the Millers finally made good. Rube Pote, booted one in from the left side and Halfback Nick Reidy headed the ball through the corner of the goal, for the tieing marker. Shortly after this, Phil Kavanagh blew his whistle, ending the first 45 minutes.

With the start of the second half the Millers showed renewed vigor. The front men carried the ball into Scullin territory and started shooting at the goal. However, most of the shots went wild. Then Billy Quinn got the ball from the right, shot it through from about 20 yards out. It was a high shot that went through the left-hand corner of the net, entirely out of the reach of Duke Sheahan.

After some time had passed itself for the Scullins to the score. For the remainder of the contest they completely outplayed their rivals, beating them to the ball after ball. But when in front of the uprights, the shot was wild and direct into the hands of "Goalie" Honus King.

After about 20 minutes of play in the period, the spectators thought the Scullins had tied it, after a meeting of the Ohio State officials. He will remain over for the third round cup contest between the Bricklayers' Football Club of Cleveland and the Goodyear F. C. of Akron at Luna Park, Sunday.

He plans to return here next Monday and remain over for the three-game series with the Robin Dry Dock eleven of Brooklyn, which is scheduled to open here New Year's day.

King stated that he had not definitely decided whether he would pick the players to make the trip to Scandinavia next summer on his present trip. However, the jaunt is still on, he stated, as the Swedish officials requested that an all-American-born team be brought over next summer.

Billy Quinn in Every Play.

Billy Quinn yesterday once more showed he is a born halfback in the local circuit. He was on top of every play, and when no help was needed the forwards was lending assistance to the fullbacks. It was the work of the halfbacks, more than the forwards, that enabled the Millers to win. For some reason or other, Ratican's front men could not get together. For the Scullins, Al Oberle and Tate Brady played as good as could be expected, while Jimmy Noone, shifted from forward to halfback, broke up one Miller play after another.

In the fourth round the Millers will be called upon to meet an eleven from either the Illinois or Michigan district.

The preliminary yesterday also was a hard-fought affair. Both elevens battled cleanly from one whistle to the other, and Kavanagh did not have occasion to call many fouls. The two teams were tied at 1-1 at the first half, when Boeve passed to Mulvey, who carried the ball down the field, but was spilled in front of the uprights. "Dugie" Shimel, however, in the second half, sent the Millers the win, whistling past McGehee for what proved the winning marker.

Yesterday's game also counted in the St. Louis League standings. The Millers have a three-point lead, with the Innisfalls second, Screw Company third, with the Scullins dropping to last place.

Harry Ratican. The St. Louis boy, who is playing center for the Robins, and who for the past few years has been the leading goal scorer in the country, will be given an opportunity of some sort when he comes here with the Brooklyn aggregation, later this month. Fred Stoeckley is handling the subscription list, which was headed by T. W. Cahill.

Ratican this season has scored 11 of the 45 goals counted by the Robins.

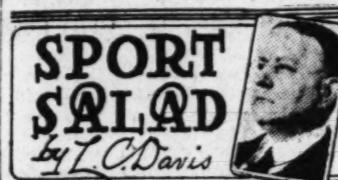
The Robins have a record of winning 12 games and tying one this season. They have not been defeated.

Schaefer Rolls Steppacher.

Harry Schaefer, and Fred Steppacher are scheduled to roll the first 10 games in their 20-game-total-paint-covered boat, which will be at St. Clair alleys, East St. Louis, tonight. The final 10 will be bowled at the Washington drives Sunday afternoon.

Municipal Basket Games.

Two games are scheduled to be played tonight in the Girls' Municipal Basket Game. Letitia and the Lafayette Park girls oppose the Reeses, while the Mayettes, Girls' meet the Wellstones. It will be bowled at the Washington drives Sunday afternoon.



British Promoter In U. S. to Angle For Dempsey Bout

Famous "Come Backs."

THOSE Christmas ties! Those

Christmas ties!

Respondent in their rainbow dyes.

With every shade of stripe and check.

I got it squarely in the neck!

I have strabismus of the eyes

When I behold those Christmas ties.

Those Christmas smokes! Those

Christmas smokes!

They are a bunch of grawsomes jokes.

In sorrow I must sit and puff

Upon this dreadful "Treat 'Em

Rough."

I sympathize with all the blokes

Who get a box of Christmas smokes?

Those Christmas socks! Those Christ-

mas socks!

Their lurid colors stop the clocks.

They are a riot and a scream

Beyond my very wildest dream.

Can anybody use a box

Of green and yellow Christmas socks?

That Christmas coat! That Christ-

mas coat!

I know that it will get my goat.

Although the price is fifty, not

I would not wear it on a bet.

Back to the dealer I will tote

That quilted, purple Christmas coat.

Quite True.

However, as the feller sez, a

fair exchange is no robbery. It's

a poor heart that never rejoices.

Did everybody have a merry

Christmas? That's good. Now let's

get out our arithmetic and see how many times 2 goes into 1.

Gen. Pershing, after wiping

Germany off the map, came home

and put Laclede, Mo., on the

same.

The nose of Hannibal, the home

of Mark Twain, is temporarily out of joint.

Intoxicating liquor will not be

sold on the Moccasin, the first of

the Shipping Board passenger liners

to sail from New York to South

America. Why not call her the Water Moccasin?

After Uncle Sam has made the

ocean dry we look for a general

reduction in the size and quality

of the sea serpents.

The Ancient Mariner spoke a

mouthful when he chirped: "Wa-

ter, water, everywhere, but not a

drop to drink."

What Boots It?

Harvard must be afraid Oregon

will get their number when they

number their players.

Jimmy Conzelman leads the foot-

ball team in the afternoon and the

orchestra at night. Nothing like

having two strings to your bow.

See where a Chicago broker was

robbed of \$20,000 worth of whisky.

Anybody who would steal a man's

whisky the day before Christmas

ought to be put in the calabooze.

Tough Luck.

O. H. they broke the wealthy

brokers.

When they robbed him of his

boozes

And the broker's heart was bro-

ken

When he heard the dreadful

news.

Dennie Stops Kelly.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 26.—Young

Denie Kelly, of New Orleans knocked out

Billie Farnum in New York in the

fourth round of a scheduled 10-round

bout here yesterday.

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MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY

By James J. Montague.



WOMEN WILL BE WOMEN.

The H. C. L. has forced the men in the Philippines to give up their clothes, but the women insist on dressing more lavishly than ever.—News item.
In the smiling isle of Jolo, where the natives lay the fog low with a bludgeon called a bolo and a harsh and hideous grin. Back through centuries unnumbered, people fished and fought and shamed, absolutely unnumbered save by their surrounding skinned.

Then the white man came and brought 'em Paris styles that swiftly caught 'em, and they hocked their spears and bought 'em till each Jolo beau and belle had a silken scarf or sash on and a well developed passion to be dolled up in the fashion of the true Parisian swell.

But alas, the cost of dressing soon grew painfully distressing, while the need for chow was pressing and the breadfruit crop was short. It was hard to meet the payment for a brand-new set of raiment when one's stomach was a claimant for its nutritive support.

One by one the men proceeded to provide what most they needed, one by one they sadly heeded nature's stern demand for food. Sad of face and heavy hearted their beloved clothes they carried to the pawn shop and departed to their native jungle, nude.

But the women folks, whose graces and whose saddle-colored faces were enhanced with silks and laces and enchanting furbelows. Now that they have learned to wear 'em vow they simply cannot spare 'em; threats of famine cannot scare 'em; they've just got to have those clothes.



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NATURALLY, IT DIDN'T DO THEM ANY GOOD.
Goldman and Berkman announced that there is no law and then tried to hide behind it.

Haw, Haw!

"Do you believe in transmigration of souls?" asked the Little Man.
"Sure," replied the Big Man.
"Why?"

"Nothing," replied the Little Man.
"But it says here that there are birds in Africa with bills a yard long."
"Well, what about them?" demanded the Big Man.
"I was just wondering if those birds are not the spirits of departed plumbbers," replied the Little Man.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

More Expense.

Flatbush: So your new house is finished, is it?
Bensonhurst: Oh, yes.
"Do you know how much it cost you?"
"No, not yet. You see my wife wants to have a house-warming."—Yonkers Statesman.

Clearly Recognized.

Mrs. Flatbush: This paper says that a familiar face and form may be recognized at from 50 to 100 blocks.
Mr. Flatbush: Yes, I know; that's the bill collector.—Yonkers Statesman.

PATHETIC FIGURES.

THE MAN WHOSE CHILD OBJECTS TO HIS PLAYING WITH THE TRAIN OF CARS AND THE TRACK



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RUN IT ALL
THE TIME.

Still the Same.

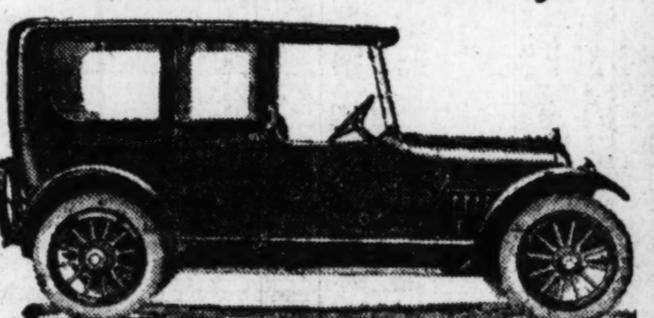
"The old dime novels which used to shock our ancestors seem to have gone out of existence."

"No. They sell for \$1.50 now."

Help Wanted.

"What time is it, Jenkins?"
"Eleven forty-three, sir."
"Er—Jenkins, you might work that out for me!"—World (London).

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